



## XXX: Response to Unexpected Health Emergencies (P)

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### **POLICY STATEMENT**

Pacific Rim School District Board of Education is committed to ensuring safe school environments by establishing timely and effective response procedures to unexpected health emergencies. Unexpected health emergency incidents can occur without warning and require immediate action to improve survival outcomes by providing critical intervention before emergency responders arrive. Being equipped and prepared, Pacific Rim School District supports student and staff safety at schools, enabling school communities to focus on learning and well-being while increasing confidence and security.

Schools are equipped with readily accessible lifesaving first aid tools, including Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and naloxone kits, which are maintained in every school by assigned and first aid trained staff. Assigned and trained staff will ensure both AED's and Naloxone kits are:

- clearly marked with standardized signage to support easy identification and use
- have routine inspections to ensure functionality and monitor expiry dates
- located in barrier-free area to accommodate diverse user needs
- present tools in a non-stigmatizing manner to encourage comfortable and equitable use

Administrative Procedures for both AED and Naloxone outline parameters and guidelines for tool use.

### **Resources and References**

BC School Act - [School Act](#)

Ministry of Education and Childcare - [Response to Unexpected Health Emergencies - Province of British Columbia](#)

Support Services for Schools Ministerial Order - [Support Services for Schools](#)

Pacific Rim School District A/P XXXX - AED

Pacific Rim School District A/P XXXX- Opioid Overdose Response

WorkSafe BC-<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/health-safety/create-manage/first-aid-requirements>