Automated External Defibrillator (AED) 2020-2021 Report in Arkansas Public Schools

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Ark. Code Ann. §6-10-122 requires the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide a yearly report to the Joint Legislative Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor regarding the status of Automated External Defibrillator (AED) availability on each school campus. The Anthony Hobbs III Act of 2009 created the school-based AED and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Programs. The implementation of this requirement continues to improve as life-saving techniques and equipment evolve. Schools provide ongoing training and education to staff and students to increase positive outcomes in life-threatening situations. The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education provides support for services and guidance for accurate data entry.

For the 2020-2021 school year, 1,050 school campuses reported information on AED availability and a contact person for the campus. The number of trained faculty in Arkansas public schools totaled 13,514 individuals. Nineteen (19) schools have been identified as not having trained faculty. Five (5) of those schools are virtual campuses and the remaining fourteen (14) schools represent seven (7) school districts.