

# Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Report in Arkansas Public Schools 2019-2020

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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 Programs. The implementation of these programs continues to be improved as life-saving techniques and equipment change and evolve.

For the 2019-2020 school year, 1,054 school campuses reported information on AED availability, including a contact person for the campus. The number of trained faculty in Arkansas public schools totaled 14,188 individuals. Twenty-four (24) schools, including four (4) virtual campuses, identified as not having trained faculty. 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.

Additionally, Ark. Code Ann. §6-18-708, implemented the requirement for guidelines and other relevant materials to inform and educate school officials, teachers, athletic coaches, students, and parents about the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest. This education has improved the response time when an emergency occurs with recognition and the use of an AED.