

Automated External Defibrillator (AEDs) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

In the 2010 Special Session of the Legislature, [Senate Bill \(SB\) 1033](#) was passed that created new provisions and amended ORS [431.680 and 431.690](#). Each school campus in a school district, private school campus and public charter school campus shall have on the premises at least one automated external defibrillator by January 1, 2015.

1. Does SB 1033 provide school districts with funding to purchase the AEDs required by law?

No, unfortunately no funding was included with this legislation. School districts must look internally or access community resources for funding.

2. Do staff members have to be trained in order to safely use the AEDs?

Yes, training is necessary to ensure the safe use of these devices. Standard training in the use of AEDs is available through the American Red Cross <http://www.redcross.org/> and American Heart Association <http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=1200000>. You may also contact your local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers to discuss training options.

3. Who could be contacted locally to access funding for purchasing and training on AEDs?

Community resources will vary in each area. Some possibilities might be your local Parent Teacher Associations, service clubs (e.g. Lyons & Kiwanis), local EMS, and other local business partners.

4. There are several brands of AEDs on the market, which one should our school district purchase?

The Oregon Department of Education does not recommend any specific brand; instead, we suggest you contact local experts such as your EMS or hospital system to obtain information.

5. How many AED's does a school district need to buy?

SB 1033 provides:

SECTION 1. Each school campus in a school district, private school campus and public charter school campus shall have on the premises at least one automated external defibrillator.

SECTION 2. A school in a school district, private school or public charter school shall comply with section 1 of this 2010 Act on or before January 1, 2015.

The bill only requires each school campus to have an AED. A district or school is only required to have one per campus. Every building within a campus is not required to have an AED. For additional information, please go to:

<http://www.ode.state.or.us/teachlearn/subjects/pe/aedadditionalinfo.pdf>

6. Is the vendor my best resource for information?

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