

## Develop a Cardiac Emergency Response Team (CERT)

### What is a Cardiac Emergency Response Team?

The Cardiac Emergency Response Team is a group of school staff members who have current CPR/AED training and are designated to respond to and provide basic life support during a cardiac emergency.

The Cardiac Emergency Response Team should be established prior to the start of each school year to plan, implement, and evaluate the school's adopted Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP).

### Who are potential members of a Cardiac Emergency Response Team?

Potential team members include:

- Staff members with current CPR and AED training. Include at least one staff member in each section of the building(s) or location(s)
- Medical professionals such as an on-site nurse
- Organization administrators or management
- Health and physical educators
- Athletic directors or trainers
- Coaches or after-school event advisors
- Representatives of organization(s) using shared space

### What are the roles of a Cardiac Emergency Response Team?

Roles of the team include:

- Communicate with organization administrators or management annually to receive the outcome of the medical and legal counsel review of the plan to ensure that the adopted Cardiac Emergency Response Plan is consistent with local, state, and federal law.
- Read the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan to implement action steps in the following categories
  - o Automated external defibrillators (AEDs)
  - o Activation of Cardiac Emergency Response Team during an identified cardiac emergency
  - o Communication of the plan throughout the building or location
  - o Training plan for AED use and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
  - o Local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) integration
  - o Annual review and evaluation of the plan
  - o Protocol for All Cardiac Emergency Response Responders (Staff, Faculty, Cardiac Emergency Response Team etc.)



- Meet monthly to plan, implement, and evaluate the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan
- Monitor the implementation of the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan monthly with the CERP Timeline
- Evaluate the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan annually and provide feedback & data.
- Update the [CERP Sample Action Steps](#) regarding the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan annually.