

## ***Lifesaving skills instruction (CPR, CCR, AED)***

### **Beginning in 2017-18 school year**

[Wis. Stat. sec. 118.076](#) requires school districts, independent charter schools and private schools that offer any grade from 7 to 12 to:

1. Provide CPR and cardiocerebral resuscitation (CCR) to 7-12 grade students in any health education course using an instructional program developed by the ARC, AHA or another national recognized program.
2. Incorporate into the instruction the psychomotor skills necessary to perform CPR and CCR.
3. Provide instruction about AED's to 7-12 grade students.

Note: It does not specify the amount or nature of the required instruction. It does not require participants to receive certification. Courses that do not offer certification to participants may be taught by "facilitators" (non-certified person knowledgeable about CPR and CCR).

#### **Wis. Stat. sec. 118.076 Lifesaving skills instruction**

**(1)** *Beginning in the 2017-18 school year, each school board operating any grade from 7 to 12, the operator of each charter school established under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) that operates any grade from 7 to 12, and the governing body of each private school that operates any grade from 7 to 12 shall do all of the following:*

**(a)** *Provide instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and cardiocerebral resuscitation in any health education course offered to pupils in grades 7 to 12. The school board, operator of the charter school, or governing body of the private school shall use either of the following, and shall incorporate into the instruction the psychomotor skills necessary to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation and cardiocerebral resuscitation:*

1. *An instructional program developed by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.*
2. *Nationally recognized, evidence-based guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and cardiocerebral resuscitation.*

**(b)** *Provide instruction about automated external defibrillators to pupils enrolled in grades 7 to 12 in the school district, charter school, or private school.*

**History:** 2009 a. 273; 2015 a. 55, 390.

### **FAQ:**

**1. Do the students have to practice the skills of CPR and CCR?**

*Yes, thus equipment is necessary for practice of psychomotor skills. Mannequins or other reasonable available substitute (such as dolls or pillows) may be used.*

**2. Does hands-only CPR meet the requirement?**

*Yes, hands-only CPR meets the requirement.*

- 3. Are multiple years of CPR and CCR instruction at the same school required?**  
*No, multiple years of instruction at the same school is not required.*
- 4. Do the students need to practice utilizing an AED?**  
*No, they only need to be provided instruction.*
- 5. Can CPR and CCR be taught in any other class than health education course?**  
*Yes, CPR and CCR may be taught in any course in which health education is occurring.*
- 6. Can AED be taught in any other class than health education?**  
*Yes, the law does not specifically state a specific course that this must be taught in; However, it would be most logical to pair it with instruction in CPR and CCR.*
- 7. Are all students enrolled in virtual school exempt from the requirements?**  
*No, the virtual schools may administer the instruction either virtually or in-person.*

**Resources:**

**American Heart Association**

[http://cpr.heart.org/AHAECC/CPRAndECC/Programs/CPRInSchools/UCM\\_473194\\_CPR- In-Schools.jsp](http://cpr.heart.org/AHAECC/CPRAndECC/Programs/CPRInSchools/UCM_473194_CPR-In-Schools.jsp)

Phone (608) 709-4930

**American Red Cross**

<http://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/school-programs>

Phone (414)-342-8680