

Lifesaving skills instruction

Current practice for the 2016-2017 school year:

[Wis. Stat. sec. 118.076](#) requires school districts to:

1. Offer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instruction to high school pupils and,
2. Provide instruction about defibrillators to high school pupils.

Note: high school students must be given instruction about defibrillators. While it may seem odd to require defibrillator instruction but no CPR instruction, please note that the statute only requires instruction “about” defibrillators (it does not specify the amount or nature of the required instruction). By contrast, the CPR instruction requirements are much more detailed and demanding.

[Wis. Stat. sec. 118.076](#) ***Lifesaving skills instruction.***

- (1)** *In this section, "automatic external defibrillator" has the meaning given in s. 440.01 (1) (ad).*
- (2)** *Beginning in the 2011-12 school year and ending in the 2016-17 school year, each school board operating high school grades, the operator of each charter school established under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) that operates high school grades, and the governing body of each private school that operates high school grades shall do all of the following:*
- (a)** *Offer instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and cardiocerebral resuscitation (CCR) to pupils enrolled in the high school grades in the school district, charter school, or private school. 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 the high school grades in the school district, charter school, or private school.*
- NOTE:** *Sub. (2) is repealed eff. 7-1-17 by [2015 Wis. Act 390](#).*

Beginning in 2017-18 school year

[Wis. Stat. sec. 118.076](#) will require school districts 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. Shall 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 CCR and CPR).

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(3) 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.

2. If a student takes additional health education and is exposed to the requirement will the student need to receive instruction again?

Yes, in any (all) health education courses offered to pupils in grades 7 to 12.

3. Do the students need to practice utilizing an AED?

No, they only need to be provided instruction.

4. Can CPR and CCR be taught in any other class than health education course?

No, the law specifically states in any health education course offered to pupils in grades 7 to 12.

5. 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 most logical would be to pair it with instruction in CPR and CCR.

Resources:

American Heart Association

http://cpr.heart.org/AHA/ECC/CPRECC/Programs/CPRIInSchools/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