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**Traumatic Injury
Response Protocol**

Each district shall develop and annually make available a protocol for employees and volunteers to follow in the event of a traumatic injury. The protocol must:

1. Provide for a district to maintain and make available to employees and volunteers bleeding control stations, as described below, for use in the event of a traumatic injury involving blood loss;
2. Ensure that bleeding control stations are stored in easily accessible areas of the campus that are selected by the district's school safety and security committee;
3. Require that TEA-approved training on the use of a bleeding control station in the event of an injury to another person be provided to:
 - a. Each district peace officer commissioned under Education Code 37.081 or school security personnel employed under that section who provides security services at the campus;
 - b. Each school resource officer who provides law enforcement at the campus; and
 - c. All other district personnel who may be reasonably expected to use a bleeding control station; and
4. Require the district to annually offer instruction on the use of a bleeding control station from a school resource officer or other appropriate district personnel who has received the training described above to students enrolled at the campus in grade seven or higher.

**Bleeding Control
Stations**

Location

A district's school safety and security committee may select, as easily accessible areas of the campus at which bleeding control stations may be stored, areas of the campus where automated external defibrillators are stored.

Contents

A bleeding control station must contain all of the following required supplies in quantities determined appropriate by the superintendent:

1. Tourniquets approved for use in battlefield trauma care by the armed forces of the United States;
2. Chest seals;
3. Compression bandages;
4. Bleeding control bandages;
5. Space emergency blankets;

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6. Latex-free gloves;
7. Markers;
8. Scissors; and
9. Instructional documents developed by the American College of Surgeons or the United States Department of Homeland Security detailing methods to prevent blood loss following a traumatic event.

A district may also include in a bleeding control station any medical material or equipment that:

1. May be readily stored in a bleeding control station;
2. May be used to adequately treat an injury involving traumatic blood loss; and
3. Is approved by local law enforcement or emergency medical services personnel.

Immunity

The good faith use of a bleeding control station by a district employee to control the bleeding of an injured person is incident to or within the scope of the duties of the employee's position of employment and involves the exercise of judgment or discretion on the part of the employee for purposes of Education Code 22.0511, and a district and district employees are immune from civil liability, as provided by that section, from damages or injuries resulting from that good faith use of a bleeding control station. A district volunteer is immune from civil liability from damages or injuries resulting from the good faith use of a bleeding control station to the same extent as a professional employee of the district or school, as provided by Education Code 22.053.

Education Code 38.030(a)–(e), (i)

**Automated External
Defibrillators**

Availability

Campus

Each school district shall make available at each campus in the district at least one automated external defibrillator, as defined by Health and Safety Code 779.001. A campus defibrillator must be readily available during any University Interscholastic League (UIL) athletic competition held on the campus. In determining the location at which to store a campus defibrillator, the principal shall consider the primary location on campus where students engage in athletic activities.

Athletic Practice

To the extent practicable, each school district, in cooperation with the UIL, shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that a defibrillator is available at each UIL athletic practice held at a district campus. If a school district is not able to make a defibrillator available in such a manner, the district shall determine the extent to which a defibril-

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	lator must be available at each UIL athletic practice held at a district campus. The determination must be based, in addition to any other appropriate considerations, on relevant medical information.
<i>Athletic Competition</i>	Each school district, in cooperation with the UIL, shall determine the extent to which a defibrillator must be available at each UIL athletic competition held at a location other than a district campus. The determination must be based, in addition to any other appropriate considerations, on relevant medical information and whether emergency services personnel are present at the athletic competition under a contract with the school district.
<i>Trained Staff</i>	Each school district shall ensure the presence at each location at which a defibrillator is required above of at least one campus or district employee trained in the proper use of the defibrillator at any time a substantial number of district students are present at the location.
Use and Maintenance	A school district shall ensure that an automated external defibrillator is used and maintained in accordance with standards established under Health and Safety Code Chapter 779.
	<i>Education Code 38.017</i>
Instruction	A district shall annually make available to district employees and volunteers instruction in the principles and techniques of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator, as defined by Health and Safety Code 779.001. Each school nurse, assistant school nurse, athletic coach or sponsor, physical education instructor, marching band director, cheerleading coach, and any other school employee specified by the commissioner and each student who serves as an athletic trainer must participate and must receive and maintain certification in the use of an automated external defibrillator from the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or a similar nationally recognized association. <i>Education Code 22.902</i> [See CH for information regarding purchase and lease of automated external defibrillators.]
Response to Cardiac Arrest	Each school district shall develop safety procedures for a district or school employee or student to follow in responding to a medical emergency involving cardiac arrest, including the appropriate response time in administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation, using an automated external defibrillator, as defined by Health and Safety Code 779.001, or calling a local emergency medical services provider. <i>Education Code 38.018</i>