

AED Placement Assessment

AED placement is crucial to the chain of survival in a cardiac emergency. Determining the location of the AED(s) should be completed by the Site Coordinator, school administration and medical director (if applicable). Consider reaching out to your local EMS, Fire Department and/or Project ADAM affiliate for additional support.

The American Heart Association (AHA) recommends the AED should be retrieved and placed on the victim within three minutes of a suspected cardiac arrest. Therefore, it is extremely important that the AED is placed in a central location for quick and easy access in an emergency.

CRITERIA (all should be marked "Yes" to effectively place the AED)	YES	NO
Is the AED accessible during all hours the building is open?		
Do after school programs, outside groups and athletics know where the AED(s) are located?		
Are after school programs, outside groups, and athletics able to access the AED?		
Is the AED in a highly visible location?		
Is there clear signage identifying the AED location?		
Is the AED retrievable anywhere onsite within two-three minutes (brisk walking)? *		
There are no barriers (doors, gates, alarmed hallways, etc.) preventing access to the AED		
Is the AED placed at an unobstructed height no more than 48 inches from the floor? **		
The AED cabinet protrudes no more than 4 inches into the corridor, passageway, or aisle.**		
Is the wall where the AED is mounted able to handle the wall case/wiring (if applicable)?		

*If your school begins with one AED, it is best to place it where the most traffic occurs (for example: gymnasium, auditorium, etc.) From there, additional AEDs may be placed as needed in other areas of the building.

**In compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines