

AED Site 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, EMS and medical director. Consider reaching out to your local EMS, Fire Department and/or Project ADAM affiliate if you'd like help.

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

Criteria

All should be circled "YES" to effectively place the AED.

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

*If your school is beginning 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