

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

1. AED Availability at BHA

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are available at both the **Main Campus and Elementary Campus**.

Staff members at each campus are trained and certified in CPR and AED use to help provide a quick response in the event of a cardiac emergency.

2. What is an AED?

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is a portable medical device used during cases of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA).

The AED analyzes the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, guides the user to deliver a defibrillation shock to help restore a normal heart rhythm.

Once activated, the device provides step-by-step voice and/or visual instructions to assist the user throughout the process.

3. Importance of AEDs

The time between sudden cardiac arrest and defibrillation is one of the most critical factors affecting survival.

Having AEDs readily available allows for a faster emergency response and can significantly improve the chances of survival.

Communities with active AED programs and trained responders have demonstrated improved survival outcomes.

4. BHA's Goal

BHA's goal is to improve survival rates from sudden cardiac arrest by ensuring access to AEDs and maintaining trained staff members who are prepared to respond during an emergency.