

NEWS RELEASE

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24 Member Schools to receive AED Grant

IHSAA Foundation to provide life-saving devices to schools across the state.

The IHSAA and the IHSAA Foundation are proud to announce that twenty-four member schools across the state have been selected to receive an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

This grant is made possible through partnerships with the NFHS Foundation and CPR Institute of Indiana, with appreciation for the efforts of the Indianapolis Colts. This grant provides one device at no cost to the recipients listed below, with all member schools gaining eligibility at discounted rates and access to video instruction on the operation, maintenance, and care of AEDs.

Recipients of the grant include:

- Beech Grove High School
- Blue River Valley High School
- DeKalb High School
- DeMotte Christian High School
- Dugger Union High School
- East Noble High School
- Eastern Greene High School
- Evansville Day High School
- Evansville North High School
- Frontier High School
- Gary West Side High School
- Herron High School

- Huntington North High School
- Jennings County High School
- KIPP Indy Legacy High School
- Lebanon High School
- Mississinewa High School
- Shelbyville High School
- South Bend Washington High School
- Southwood High School
- Speedway High School
- Terre Haute North Vigo High School
- Terre Haute South Vigo High School
- Washington High School

"The presence of an AED in each school, at each athletic event, could save the life of your child, your grandchild, or your neighbor's child," says Phil Eskew, M.D., Chair of the IHSAA Foundation Board of Directors and Professor Emeritus, IU School of Medicine, "it is imperative that schools are provided with support to improve response time when seconds count."

In concert with CPR and an efficient, practiced Emergency Action Plan (EAP), an AED has been shown to be an important factor in saving the lives of student-athletes, parents, fans, and all in attendance at events.

This is the first year of the IHSAA Foundation's AED Grant and the second grant offered by the IHSAA Foundation in the 2024-25 School Year.



Picture provided by the CPR Institute of Indiana

 $Supporting\ education-based\ athletics\ for\ the\ next\ generation.$

About the IHSAA Foundation, Inc.

The IHSAA Foundation was created in 2015 as the philanthropic arm of the IHSAA. Its mission is to help protect, sustain, and nurture high school sports in Indiana for the 409 high schools it serves. The 17-member Foundation Board is made up of member-school superintendents from each of the three IHSAA districts, at minimum two member-school athletic directors, the Chair of the IHSAA Executive Committee, the current IHSAA Commissioner, and 11 at-large members from all corners of the state. Members of the Board are nominated by IHSAA Commissioner, Paul Neidig, and ratified by Board Approval.

About the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)

The IHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that is self-supporting without the use of tax monies. Since its founding in 1903, the Association's mission has been to provide wholesome, educational athletics for the secondary schools of Indiana. Its 411-member high schools - public, institutional, parochial, and private – pay no annual membership fee or incur entry fees to play in the Association's tournaments. A state tournament series is conducted annually in 24 sports, 11 for girls, 11 for boys and two co-ed (unified flag football, unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.