

More than 2300 Grade 9 HCDSB students will be trained in CPR and AED

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On Friday, April 21, 2017, the Advanced Coronary Treatment (ACT) Foundation, along with [community partners](#) and Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) and Halton District School Board (HDSB) representatives launched ACT's High School CPR and Defibrillator Training Program. The launch took place at Aldershot High School in Burlington.

Over the past 3 years, the *Advanced Coronary Treatment Foundation* has provided CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) training to our secondary school Health and Physical Education teachers. **Funding donated by community partners made it possible to train each of the 56 Health and Phys Ed teachers in our 9 secondary schools.** They, in turn, went back and trained the Grade 9 students in their respective schools.

Each HCDSB Secondary School now has access to their own equipment so that training can continue for our Grade 9 students, each year moving forward. This means that more than 2,300 Grade 9 students across our school district will be trained in CPR and AED each year.

For more information on the launch, please visit: actfoundation.ca

Quick Facts:

- This initiative will see more than 7,000 students to receive CPR and defibrillator training every year across the region of Halton.
- Mannequins and defibrillator training units are donated to schools and high school teachers are trained as instructors to train all students, prior to graduation.

Quotes:

"This program has been embraced wholeheartedly by staff, students, and parents alike. Beyond the practical life-saving techniques that are taught, the training helps to build self esteem in students, and offers valuable hands-on leadership experience with a focus on civic responsibility." - [Tim Overholt, Superintendent of Education at HCDSB](#)

