



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ACT MEMO**

2015 Wisconsin Act 390 [2015 Assembly Bill 545]	Lifesaving Skills Instructions to Pupils
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BACKGROUND

Wisconsin law sets forth certain requirements regarding when instruction of certain lifesaving skills must be provided in school. **Under prior law**, each school board, operator of an independent charter school, and governing body of a private school (school) that operated **high school grades** (i.e., grades 9 to 12), was required to offer instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and cardiocerebral resuscitation (CCR) to **pupils enrolled in the school's high school grades**. Prior law also required a school that operated **high school grades** to provide instruction about automated external defibrillators to pupils enrolled in the high school grades.

2015 WISCONSIN ACT 390

2015 Wisconsin Act 390 (the Act) expands all of the instructional requirements above to apply, beginning in the 2017-18 school year, to each school that operates **any grade from 7 to 12**. The Act specifies that such schools provide instruction in CPR and CCR in **any health education course offered to pupils in grades 7 to 12**. The Act also requires that instruction about automated external defibrillators be provided to **pupils enrolled in grades 7 to 12** in the school.

Effective date: The Act generally takes effect on April 28, 2016, except that the expanded instructional requirements first apply to the 2017-18 school year and take effect on July 1, 2017.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.