

Richmonds **HSFR** Program

“It's not a club, It's a commitment.”

Our Goal

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What is The HSFR Program?

The highschool first responders program is an opportunity for students interested in going into the medical field to have the ability to gain real life experience while contributing to their school community. We serve the school as a student run medical team handling the medical emergencies of the student population.

Who Runs The HSFR Program?

The program can be found district wide in all 10 secondary schools. Richmond is the only school district to have this program running in all of their secondary schools. The program itself is run by a society and our contact with that society is Jeff Watts, The Managing Director.

Jeff has been running the program for over 15 years. Jeff is an Advanced Care Paramedic who worked for BCEHS and

How Does Certification Work?

When it comes to certification students can either get their certification through ESIC or a third party supplier. We recommend taking ESIC's classes since they are much cheaper than what is offered anywhere else and they are taught at Cambie Secondary School.

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This is a (16 hours) where they teach basic first aid as well as basic critical care

AED

An Automatic External Defibrillator is placed on a person when they are in the state of cardiac arrest. AEDs have been designed so that anyone can use them even if they have no prior experience or training. An AED will analyze the heart's rhythm and, , will deliver an electrical shock or defibrillation to reestablish an effective rhythm.

AEDs were once in all Richmond schools however they were removed. Anyone can have a cardiac episoc

Naloxone and AED Protection

The usage of Naloxone kits and AEDs is protected under law by the good samaritans act. If an AED is mounted for example on the wall of a community center and you pull and use that you can be sued.

First Responders Fund

Every year First Responders at McNair has to apply for PAC Gaming Funds. This form of funding is unreliable for a club that requires a large amount of money every year. Our costs are broken down into three parts

Insurance -

Each member has to pay a certain amount of money depending on their certification level. In the beginning of the year the full team roster of the school is sent to Jeff Watts. This Year McNair has paid 550 dollars.

Reimbursements -

We have few opportunities for students to be reimbursed. In order for students to get reimbursements they need to go through an interview process. In the interview we ask many questions to see what kind of a person they are, are they caring?, are they smart?, and etc. Once they are selected we look at the students' latest report card and then if they are selected they will be sent to take the FR course. If they pass the course on their first attempt they will be reimbursed only half of their purchase which is 200 dollars. However the cost of the FR course has been raised to 495 dollars. That means that we would be required to ask for an additional 45 dollars from the PAC for each new FR we certify. Generally within a year we certify 2 FRs with half reimbursements depending on the money given to us by PAC. This year we have paid 400 dollars in reimbursements.

Supplies -

Oftentimes we are required to purchase new supplies like for example this year we had to ask for enough money from PAC to accommodate a mini fridge where we could store ice packs, Juice, and etc. This is a smaller portion to our overall costs however it's still very important as other schools may have more things that they may want to purchase but aren't

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The establishment of a district fund is very important as there will always be a guaranteed amount of money for the first responders to turn to. Like for example right now we can only reimburse half of a person's money and at other Richmond schools they don't reimburse them at all however it is the responsibility of the district to pay for students full reimbursements when they take the course because they are providing a service to the school. There are over 200 students in the program right now. Yes, it may be expensive to fund it however we will see extreme benefits in the long run.

(The district has a new budget plan that started in 2023 and will last until 2026. The district is receiving 355 Million dollars.)

355 Million Broken Down -

Operating budget 84%

Facilities maintenance and Technological

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