

# On The Alert!

**Date:** April 25, 2018  
**Attention:** ASCIP Members  
**Affected Department(s):** Risk Management, Admin, Teachers & Staff  
**Applicability:** K-12 Districts & Charter Schools

## CPR GRADUATION REQUIREMENT AND DISTRICT RISK: AB 1719

### OLD PROCEDURES RELATED TO DISTRICTS & CPR

Existing law authorizes districts or schools to provide a comprehensive program in first aid or cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training, or both, to pupils and employees in accordance with specified guidelines. Existing law requires each pupil completing grade 12 to satisfy certain requirements as a condition of receiving a diploma of graduation from high school. These requirements include the completion of designated coursework in grades 9 to 12, inclusive. Existing law authorizes a governing board of a district to adopt other coursework requirements.

### NEW GRADUATION REQUIREMENT RELATED TO CPR TRAINING

Commencing with the 2018–19 school year, [Assembly Bill 1719](#) changes the high school graduation requirements as follows:

1. School districts and charter schools that require a course in health education for graduation from high school shall include [instruction in performing compression-only CPR](#). This instruction shall include both of the following:
  - (a) An instructional program based on national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for the performance of compression-only CPR and
  - (b) Instruction to pupils relative to the psychomotor skills necessary to perform compression-only CPR.
2. School districts and charter schools are encouraged to provide pupils general information on the use and importance of an AED.
3. Your district's or charter school's governing board may adopt policies to implement this requirement, but you do not need to make any purchases, including, but not limited to, purchasing an AED.



This embedded video demonstrates the American Red Cross's *Hands-only CPR for Witnesses Sudden Collapse* instructions (see also the link to the left in bullet 1).

**Please contact your ASCIP risk services consultant at (562) 404-8029 to discuss further.**