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Cardiac arrest can strike a person at any time, without warning.

That's why almost 1,900 Central Okanagan High School students are being trained in life saving CPR and the use of Automated Electronic Defibrillators.

Kelowna Secondary School is one of the first schools to implement the program through the ACT Foundation (Advanced Coronary Treatment).

School District 23 Board Chair, Moyra Baxter, says giving students these skills is incredibly important.

"The fact that the ACT Foundation is promoting this across Canada and finding sponsors to bring this to our schools is absolutely amazing," says Baxter.

Kelowna-Lake Country MLA Norm Letnick, MLA Steve Thomson and Kelowna Mayor Walter Gray were on hand at Kelowna Secondary School Friday as students demonstrated their life saving skills during the program launch.

"The goal of the High School CPR and defibrillator program is to ensure that all students graduate with the skills and knowledge necessary to save lives," says Chris Ovelson, School District 23 Career Life Programs Consultant. "We're really excited to have every school on board and we are looking forward to many saved lives in the future," adds Ovelson.



That translates to approximately 10,000 students who will possess these important life saving skills over the next few years.