

The district has installed automated external defibrillators (AED) in certain district locations to assist those on school property requiring immediate medical intervention related to sudden cardiac arrest. Sudden cardiac arrest occurs when the electrical impulses of the human heart malfunction causing a disturbance in the heart's electrical rhythm. This erratic and ineffective electrical heart rhythm causes complete cessation of the heart's normal function of pumping blood resulting in sudden death.

### **DEFINITION**

“Automated external defibrillator (AED)” means a computerized medical device that is used to treat victims in the first critical moments after sudden cardiac arrest.

### **PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

The AED program coordinator carries out the routine operations and maintenance of the AED program within the district and ensures compliance with the district's AED policies and procedures. The district nurse or other designated district employee will act as the AED program coordinator.

### **LICENSED PHYSICIAN INVOLVEMENT**

A licensed physician will be involved in the AED program to ensure compliance with the requirements for training, notification, maintenance, and guidelines for use. The licensed physician will prescribe the AED and review and approve the district's AED program protocols.

### **TRAINING**

Expected AED users must complete an approved training in CPR and the use and care of the AED. The training must be equivalent to the CPR and AED training of the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or similar entities. If the AED program includes the treatment of children under the age of eight (8) years old or under 55 lbs. (25 kg), training will include infant/child CPR.

The school office will maintain training records for the trained employees. Trained employees will renew CPR and AED training every two years.

### **VOLUNTEER RESPONDERS**

The extent to which individuals respond to a medical emergency should be appropriate to their training and experience. The emergency medical response may include first-aid, CPR, and/or the use of an AED.

**EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE**

All equipment and accessories necessary for supporting a medical emergency response will be maintained in a state of readiness and tested according to the manufacturer’s specifications.

**MEDICAL RESPONSE DOCUMENTATION**

Within 24 hours of a medical event, an accident report form for an accident requiring first-aid of any type will be completed by the responding employee or volunteer and provided to the program coordinator.

**IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY**

Any person who reasonably renders emergency care using a defibrillator, without remuneration or expectation of remuneration, at the scene of an accident or emergency to a victim of the accident or emergency will not be liable for any civil damages resulting from the person’s acts or omissions. This immunity from civil liability does not apply if the acts or omissions amount to gross negligence or willful, wanton, or reckless misconduct.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Section 5-337 – Immunity for Use of Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

**ADOPTED:**

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\*\*This policy is OPTIONAL. However, Idaho school districts wishing to utilize an automated external defibrillator (AED) program should also adopt this corresponding policy.