

**Palouse Prairie Charter School**

**NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS**

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Automated External Defibrillators

The Palouse Prairie Charter School Board of Directors recognizes the need to make Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) available in its buildings. Early access defibrillation has been recognized as a significant factor in the survival from incidents of sudden cardiac arrest. Therefore, it is the policy of Palouse Prairie Charter School that the implementation and use of AEDs is authorized in the building(s) of the school in accordance with Idaho Code §5-337.

The Director shall assign an AED Team Coordinator. The Director and AED Team Coordinator will request individuals to be part of the AED Team. The AED Team shall work with the Charter School to implement and maintain the AED program.

The Director shall work with the AED Team to develop a program with procedures governing the use of the AEDs within the Charter School. The program procedures shall be incorporated into the Charter School’s Emergency Preparedness Plan.

The Director shall designate a School Physician to serve as an Emergency Health Care Provider to monitor the program and ensure that all designated responders are properly trained and that AEDs are properly maintained. The Charter School and Emergency Health Care Provider shall develop a written collaborative agreement which contains all the provisions for administration and use of this equipment including training requirements, location of AED units, the maintenance and inspection of AEDs and the identification of local emergency response providers.

Employees will be authorized to utilize an AED only after successfully completing initial and recurrent training courses approved by the American Heart Association for AEDs and CPR. The Charter School will provide American Heart Association AED training for employees deemed to require such training by the AED Team or Principal. Employees who are certified will be designated as authorized users after a review of their credentials and approval by the School Physician.

Requirements for the frequency of recurrent training will be as specified by the issuing organization of the individual employee’s certification. Acceptable certification will consist of completion of an American Heart Association AED and CPR course.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 5-337                      Immunity for Use of Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

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