

Regulation 0706-10

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All district staff and students must be prepared to respond quickly and responsibly to emergencies, disasters, and events which threaten to result in a disaster.

The superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a detailed crisis plan for handling emergency situations. It is recommended that this plan be reviewed and updated regularly. Principals shall augment the district plan with working site crisis plans and appropriate procedures specific to each school building/site. All students and employees shall receive appropriate instruction regarding these procedures.

The superintendent or designee shall consult with city and/or county agencies so that district and site plans may provide the best possible way of handling each situation. These consultations should also consider emergency communications systems between these agencies and each district school.

District and site plans shall address, but will not be limited to, the following situations:

1. Structure fires,
2. Environmental fires.,
3. Bomb threats or actual events,
4. Mass casualty threats or actual events,
5. Natural disasters,
6. Man-made disasters,
7. Threats, attacks, or disturbances from groups or individuals.,
8. Other health and safety threats/events students.

The board shall grant the use of school buildings, grounds and equipment to public agencies, including the American Red Cross, for mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare. The board shall co-operate with such agencies in furnishing and maintaining whatever services it the Board/District deems necessary to meet the community's needs.

Crisis plan teams shall meet annually at each district site to review the crisis plan and develop the site's drill schedule.

CPR, First Aid and AED: The following West Ada employees will be trained in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and Automated Emergency Defibrillator (AED):

- Health Services Staff
- Athletic Trainers
- Secondary Athletic Coaches
- School Administrators

In addition to the above employee groups, it is the goal of the West Ada School District that 10% of a school's staff hold CPR with AED certification. Each principal shall encourage staff members at each school to hold valid certificates in these areas.

Automated External Defibrillator

West Ada School District has installed automated external defibrillators in certain District school buildings to assist those on school property requiring immediate medical intervention related to cardiac episodes. An automatic external defibrillator (AED) is used to treat victims in the first critical moments after sudden cardiac arrest. It is only to be applied to victims who are unconscious, without a pulse and not breathing. The AED will analyze the heart rhythm and advise the operator if a shockable rhythm is detected. If a shockable rhythm is detected, the AED will charge to the appropriate energy level and advise the operator to deliver a shock.

The AED may be used by any volunteer responder who has successfully completed approved CPR and an AED training program. The defibrillator shall be maintained and tested by the owner according to the manufacture's operational guidelines. There shall be involvement of a licensed physician in the owner's program to ensure compliance with the requirements for training, notification, maintenance and guidelines for use. Any person who renders emergency care of treatment or person in cardiac arrest by using a defibrillator must activate the emergency medical service system as soon as possible and must report any clinical use of the defibrillator to the prescribing physician.

The extent to which individuals respond shall be appropriate to their training and experience. The emergency medical response may include CPR, AED or medical first aid. School employees as well as any person who reasonable renders emergency care using a defibrillator without remuneration or expectation of remuneration are protected under the provisions of Idaho Code §5-337 relating to civil immunity for the use of automated external defibrillators.

For purposes of this policy, expected AED users shall complete training in the use of an AED provided by the American National Red Cross, the American heart Association or through an equivalent course of instruction by a similar entity.

The immunity from liability does not apply if the acts or omissions amount to gross negligence or willful or wanton or reckless misconduct.

