

7022 - School Chaplain

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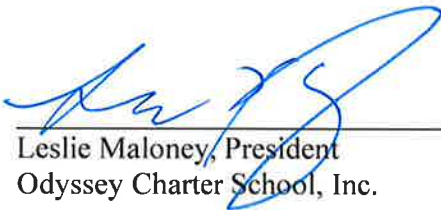
The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Odyssey Charter School, Inc. (the "School") is committed to the mental health and well-being of its students. In furtherance of that commitment, the Board hereby adopts this Policy governing Volunteer School Chaplains, ("Chaplains").

- I. Chaplains Generally.** In modern usage the term Chaplain is not confined to any particular church or denomination. Chaplains have traditionally been appointed to public institutions such as prisons, hospitals, schools, colleges, universities, embassies, and the armed forces.
- II. Services Provided.** Chaplains shall provide services supporting the mental health and well-being of students as assigned by the School. Such services will support students in need of mental health services or guidance. Examples of such services include the following:
 - a. Individual Counseling
 - b. Small Group Counseling
 - c. Mental-Health and Wellness Workshops
- III. Parental Rights.**
 - a. Notification.** The Principal shall notify each Parent or Guardian that there is a Chaplain providing services on campus. Within this notice, the Principal shall make Parents aware of the services and programs that will be provided by the Chaplain(s).
 - b. Consent.** Before any student participates in or receives supportive services from a Chaplain, the student's parent or Guardian must provide written consent. A student's parent or Guardian must be permitted to select a Chaplain from the list provided by the School.
 - c. Chaplain Selection.** A student's parent or Guardian must be permitted to select a Chaplain from the School's website if the School hosts more than one Chaplain.
- IV. Background Screening.** Individuals seeking to become a Chaplain must pass a background screening in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 1012.465 F.S.
- V. Selection of Chaplains.** Individuals seeking to become a Chaplain must state such intention in writing to the Principal. The School shall be open to Chaplains from all religious backgrounds. Prospective Chaplains must complete an interview with the Principal and have passed a background screening according to Section IV of this Policy. The School may approve or disapprove of requests to be a Chaplain in its sole discretion.

- VI. Publication.** Once a Chaplain has been approved to provide services, they shall be published on the School's website. Such publication must include the Chaplain's religious affiliation, if any.
- VII. Dissemination of Policy.** This Policy shall be included on the School's website and in its student handbooks.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing School Chaplain Policy of Odyssey Charter School, Inc. was adopted by a majority vote of a quorum of its Board of Directors at a duly noticed meeting held on the 24th day of July, 2024.



Leslie Maloney, President
Odyssey Charter School, Inc.