

# POLICY

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Community Relations

## **SUBJECT: USE OF SERVICE ANIMALS**

The Board of Education allows the use of service animals on school grounds by individuals with disabilities, subject to restrictions permitted by federal and/or state law, and procedures established by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee.

For the purpose of this policy, a service animal is defined as any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, will not be considered service animals.

The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the individual's disability. The crime deterrent effects of an animal's presence and the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship do not constitute work or tasks for the purposes of this definition.

It shall be the responsibility of the principal and/or his/her designee to develop building-specific regulations and rules regarding the use of service animals in each building and adjacent school grounds by individuals with disabilities.

28 CFR Sections 35.104, 35.136, 35.139

Adoption Date