

Lower Merion School District

Policy No.: 718
Section: PROPERTY
Title: SERVICE ANIMALS IN SCHOOLS
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Purpose

The Board adopts this Policy to ensure that individuals with disabilities are permitted to participate in and benefit from District programs, activities and services, and to ensure that the District does not discriminate on the basis of disability. The District shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations regarding service animals and therapy dogs.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall develop regulations and procedures to accommodate students, employees and visitors requesting the use of a service animal and to review and respond to requests for the use of therapy dogs. These regulations will explain in detail the differences in the nature of accommodations available depending on whether the individual is a District student, District employee or visitor to the District.

References:

Pennsylvania Human Relations Act – 43 P.S. Sec. 953

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act – 29 U.S.C. Sec. 794

Americans with Disabilities Act – 42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.

Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability, Title 28, Code of Federal
Regulations – 28 CFR Part 35, Part 36

Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Regulations, Title 29, Code of
Federal Regulations – 29 CFR Part 1630

Rabies Prevention and Control in Domestic Animals and Wildlife Act –
3 P.S. Sec. 455.1 et seq.

Board Policies 103, 104, 114, 713, 904, 906