

## Service Animals in Schools

The South Kitsap School District Board of Directors acknowledges its responsibility to permit students and/or adults with disabilities to be accompanied by a “service animal” as required by federal laws and Washington State’s law against discrimination. This policy governs the presence of service animals in the schools, on school property, including school buses and at school activities.

A “service animal” means an animal that is trained for the purpose of assisting or accommodating a disabled person’s sensory, mental or physical disability.

The parent/guardian of a student who believes the student needs to bring a service animal to school or an employee who wishes to bring a service animal to school, must submit a written request to the building principal. The building principal, in consultation with the Section 504 coordinator or Director of Special Education, as appropriate, will determine whether or not to permit the service animal in school.

The superintendent will develop procedures to implement the policy.

Cross References:                    5010 - Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action  
   3210 - Nondiscrimination  
   2162 - Education of Students With Disabilities Under Section  
   504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973  
   2161 - Special Education and Related Services for Eligible  
   Students  
   2029 - Animals as Part of the Instructional Program

Legal References:                    American Disabilities Act (ADA), Revised Title II Regulations,  
   35 Service animals  
   Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973  
   RCW 28A.642 Discrimination Prohibition  
   RCW 49.60.040 Definitions  
   WAC 162-26 Public accommodations, disability discrimination  
   WAC 392-145-021(3) General operating requirements  
   WAC 392-172A-01035 Child with a disability or student eligible  
   for special education  
   WAC 392-172A-01155 (3) Related services  
   WAC 392-190 Equal education opportunity - Unlawful  
   discrimination prohibited

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