

Service Animals in Schools

The Board 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 services, as appropriate, will determine whether or not to permit the service animal in school.

The superintendent will develop procedures to implement the policy.

<p>Legal References:    <a href="#">28 CFR § 35.136</a></p> <p>                          RCW <a href="#">28A.642</a></p> <p>                          RCW <a href="#">49.60.040</a></p> <p>                          WAC <a href="#">162-26</a></p> <p>                          WAC <a href="#">392-145-021(3)</a></p> <p>                          WAC <a href="#">392-172A-01035</a></p> <p>                          WAC <a href="#">392-172A-01155 (3)</a></p> <p>                          WAC <a href="#">392-190</a></p>	<p>American Disabilities Act (ADA) Service animals.</p> <p>Discrimination Prohibition</p> <p>Definitions.</p> <p>Public Accommodations, Disability Discrimination</p> <p>General operating requirements.</p> <p>Child with a disability or student eligible for special education services.</p> <p>Related services.</p> <p>Equal Educational Opportunity - Unlawful Discrimination Prohibited.</p>
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