

**SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY**

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**SERVICE ANIMALS ON SCHOOL PREMISES FOR ASSISTANCE OF STUDENT**

**Parent/Guardian:** This form must be completed, signed, and returned to the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services to properly respond to your request for a service animal to accompany your student. The Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services or designee will contact you to schedule a meeting to discuss your request. At the meeting, information will be requested based on criteria to help the district minimize risks that a service animal poses to students, staff, and the educational environment. It is not based on speculation, stereotypes, or generalizations about students with disabilities. A service animal that meets the criteria consistent with the requirements of federal and Illinois law may accompany a student at all school functions in or outside the classroom. Please note that if the service animal will be accompanied by an adult handler, the handler must present a current criminal background check prior to taking on handler responsibilities in the school environment.

Service Animal &amp; Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student Name (please print)\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_  
School\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (please print)\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Number\_\_\_\_\_  
Service Animal Owner's Name (if other than parent/guardian; please print)\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Number\_\_\_\_\_  
Service Animal Handler's Name (if other than student; please print)\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Number**Acknowledgement**

- I. I understand that the presence of a service animal may present competing educational rights between my student and other students at school. These issues may present at any time, and I understand that the Building Principal or other school personnel must manage them immediately. I will:
  - A. Participate in any meetings requested of me by the Building Principal or other administrator;
  - B. Participate if requested in drafting a joint communication to notify other students and their parents/guardians about the placement of the service animal; and

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- C. Authorize the school to disclose information as necessary to balance competing educational interests and integrate the service animal into the classroom and the school environment.
- II. I understand that for the safety and protection of students and staff, which is necessary for the safe operation of the school, the school may revoke access because:
- A. The service animal is not housebroken.
  - B. The service animal is out of the control of its handler or displays aggression or appears to be an imminent threat to the safety or health of any person in the school. If this occurs, the Building Principal will immediately contact me to remove the service animal from school property and summon Animal Control.
  - C. The adult handler fails to follow the Building Principal's instructions.
  - D. The service animal does not have the required local vaccinations, licensing, and/or registration.
- III. I understand that a service animal's owner is solely liable for any damage to persons, premises, or facilities that were caused by the service animal. I understand that the *Illinois Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act* protects staff members from liability arising from actions consistent with Board policies and administrative procedures. I further understand that I am required to provide a handler (which may be the student) for the service animal, but the school shall reasonably accommodate the needs of the handler in the school environment.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Approved

Denied

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

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Date

Copy to: Parent  
Student Record  
Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services