



Policy Number: 119

Policy Section: 100 – Student Services

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## **SERVICE ANIMAL POLICY**

### **General Provisions:**

Individuals with disabilities shall be permitted to be accompanied by their service animal or service animals in training in all areas of DaVinci Academy facilities where members of the public, participants in services, programs or activities, or invitees are allowed to go. Davinci Academy may prohibit the use of service animals in certain locations due to health and safety restrictions or places where animals might be in danger.

Restricted areas may include, but are not limited to food preparation areas, instructional laboratories, boiler rooms, and other areas prohibited by law.

As provided for in Utah law, service animals in training shall be granted access to District facilities where members of the public, participants in services, programs or activities, or invitees are allowed to go, except in places where there is a health, environmental, or safety hazard.

### **Definitions:**

“Disability”: means, with respect to an individual— (A) a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual; (B) a record of such an impairment; or (C) being regarded as having such an impairment (42 U.S.C.§12102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act).

“Service Animal”: Any dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purpose of this definition. The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the individual’s disability. The provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship does not constitute work or tasks for the purposes of this definition.

### **Service Animal Inquiries:**

In situations where it is not obvious that the dog is a service animal, DaVinci Academy staff may only ask two questions: (1) is the dog a service animal required because of a disability; and (2) what work, or task has the dog been trained to perform.



A service animal's owner may be required to provide documentation indicating that the service animal has been licensed in the jurisdiction (s) in which the owner resides.

DaVinci Academy employees, staff, and other students will not pet or feed a service animal or attempt to separate the animal from the owner.

DaVinci Academy employees, staff, and other students will contact Legal Counsel if there are any additional questions regarding students, employees, or visitors to campus who have service animals.

DaVinci Academy employees will report any service animals who misbehave or any owners (or others) who mistreat their service animals to their immediate supervisor or Executive Administrator. The administrator will determine what qualifies as "misbehavior" in consultation with leadership and/or legal counsel.

### **Service Animal Removal**

Removal of a service animal: A DaVinci Academy administrator may request an individual with a disability remove a service animal from its facilities under the following circumstances:

The animal is out of control and the animal's handler does not take effective action to control it; or the animal is not housebroken; or the animal poses a direct threat.

## **Service Animal Responsibility**

### **Owner's Responsibilities:**

The owner is responsible for attending to and always controlling the service animal. A service animal shall have a harness, leash, or other tether, unless either the handler is unable because of a disability to use a harness, leash, or other tether, or the use of a harness, leash, or other tether would interfere with the service animal's safe, effective performance of work or tasks, in which case the service animal must be otherwise under the handler's control (e.g., voice control, signals, or other effective means).

Owner is responsible for the care and costs necessary for a service animal's well-being. The arrangements and responsibilities for the care of a service animal are always the sole responsibility of the owner, including feeding, regular bathing, and grooming, as needed.

Owner is responsible for independently removing or arranging for the removal of the service animal's waste.



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Owner is responsible for complying with local and state licensing laws for animal rights and owner responsibilities.

Owner is responsible for paying for any damage to school or Davinci Academy property caused by the animal.

It is the responsibility of the service animal's owner to update vaccination and license documentation

DaVinci Academy and its employees are not responsible for the care or supervision of a service animal, unless documentation exists specifically requiring such care and supervision by employees of DaVinci Academy.