Richland School District #400
Therapy Dog Opt-Out Form

The Richland School District supports the use of therapy dogs in schools, for the benefit of its students. Benefits to students include reduced stress, improved physical and emotional well-being, decreased anxiety, improved self-esteem and normalization of the environment. Activities students may engage with the therapy dog include petting and/or hugging the dog, speaking to the dog, and reading to the dog.

If for any reason you would like to opt your child out and not participate or interact with the therapy dogs, please complete, and return this form to your school's main office. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school.

I request my child to not have direct contact with therapy dogs at school or on district property. I understand it is my responsibility to speak with my child and remind them to not interact with the therapy dogs.

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Student Name Printed

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Grade Level / Teacher Name Printed

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Parent / Guardian Name Printed

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Parent / Guardian Signature **Date**