

Board of Trustees Douglas County School District

PROGRAM

SERVICE ANIMALS

The Douglas County School District is committed to providing equal access to District programs, activities, events and facilities and prohibits discriminate on the basis of disability. The purpose of this policy is to establish the conditions under which individuals with disabilities may be accompanied by a service animal on District property and at District-sponsored activities, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and applicable Nevada law.

This policy applies to students, employees, parents/guardians, volunteers, and members of the public with disabilities who are accompanied by a service animal on District property or at District-sponsored programs, activities, and events, including transportation to the extent required by law.

Definitions:

For purposes of this policy:

1. **Service animal** means a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability, consistent with the definition in the ADA and Nevada law.
2. **Service animal in training** means a dog that is being individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, as provided in Nevada law.

The District shall permit an individual with a disability to be accompanied by a service animal in all areas of District property and at District-sponsored activities where members of the public, students, or employees are allowed to be, consistent with the ADA and Nevada law.

The presence of a service animal may not be used to isolate the individual with a disability, to treat the individual less favorably than others, or to impose surcharges or additional fees that are not imposed on others without animals.

The District will make reasonable modifications in policies, practices, and procedures to permit the use of a service animal unless such modifications would fundamentally alter the nature of a program or activity or would result in a direct threat to the health or safety of others that cannot be eliminated by reasonable modifications.

The Superintendent shall adopt and maintain Administrative Regulation 207, Service Animals, to implement this policy, including procedures for requesting the use of a service

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animal, criteria for control and care of service animals, circumstances under which a service animal may be excluded, and staff training.

See Administrative Regulation 207, Service Animals

Legal Reference: NRS 426.097 – Service animal defined
NRS 426.099 – Service animal in training defined
NRS 574.615 – Unlawful misrepresentation of animal as service animal
NRS 651.075 – Rights, duties, and liabilities of persons accompanied by service animals and service animals in training; unlawful acts
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (Title II) and implementing regulations, 28 C.F.R. Part 35
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and implementing regulations, 34 C.F.R. Part 104

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