



Title: **Service Animals**

Code: EJ

Section: Section E: Support Services

Academy District 20 seeks to ensure that individuals with disabilities are able to participate in and benefit from District services, programs and activities, to ensure that the District does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of disability, and to otherwise comply with applicable state and federal laws.

"Service Animal" means any 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.

"Service Animal-in-training" means a dog that is being trained as a service animal.

In accordance with federal law, a miniature horse may be treated the same as or similar to a service animal. However, under no circumstances, may a miniature horse be considered to be or treated the same as or similar to a service animal-in-training.

In accordance with law, individuals with disabilities may be accompanied by service animals ("Service Animals") in District facilities and vehicles, on District grounds and at District functions.

In accordance with law, trainers of service animals may also be accompanied by a dog that the trainer is in the process of training. Such trainer may be accompanied in District facilities and vehicles, on District grounds and at District functions.

Effective August 1, 2026, prior to being permitted, a student or staff member wishing to be accompanied by a service dog in District facilities and vehicles, on District grounds and at District functions, must provide record of current rabies vaccination along with the request to be accompanied by a service dog. In addition to those service dogs approved to accompany students or staff, members of the community who wish to access District facilities, vehicles, grounds or functions must present proof of rabies vaccination immediately upon request. Failure to present this proof when asked will result in exclusion of the service animal from District facilities, vehicles, grounds and functions.

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Legal Refs:

20 U.S.C. § 1400, et seq., 34 C.F.R. part 300 (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)

29 U.S.C. § 794, 34 C.F.R. part 104 (Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973)

42 U.S.C. § 12101, et seq., 28 C.F.R. §§ 35.104, 35.136 (Americans with Disabilities Act)

C.R.S. § 22-36-101 (Public Schools of Choice)

C.R.S. § 24-34-803 (Rights of Persons with Assistance Dogs)

Cross Refs:

AC (Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity)

AC R 1 (Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity procedure)
