

INSTRUCTION

Service Animals in Schools

Everett Public Schools acknowledges its responsibility to permit students and/or adults with disabilities to be accompanied by a service animal as required by federal laws and Washington State's law against discrimination. This policy governs the presence of service animals in the schools, on school property, including school buses, and at school activities.

A "service animal" means ~~an animal~~ any dog or miniature horse that is individually trained ~~for the purpose of assisting or accommodating a disabled person's sensory, mental or physical disability 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.~~ The work or tasks performed by the service animal must be directly related to the individual's disability.

It is a civil infraction to misrepresent an animal as a service animal. A student's ~~The~~ parent/guardian ~~of a student~~ who believes their ir student requires the support of a service animal at school, or an employee who requires a service animal at school, must submit a written request to the building principal. The building principal, in consultation with the designated regional deputy associate/assistant superintendent and Section 504 coordinator or director of special services, as appropriate, will determine whether ~~or not~~ to permit the service animal in school.

Service animals in training are permitted access to public areas of Everett Public Schools such as the gymnasium during a sporting event where any member of the public is permitted to attend. With permission of the superintendent or designee, service animals in training are permitted in private areas of the school, where the general public is not permitted, such as classrooms while school is in session. Training of service animals is permitted by approval of the superintendent or designee.

The superintendent will develop procedures to implement this policy.

Cross References: [Procedure 2030P](#)
 [Board Policy 2210](#)

 [Board Policy 2211](#)

 [Board Policy 3210](#)
 [Board Policy 3418](#)
 [Board Policy 5010](#)

Service Animals in Schools
Special Education and Related Services for
Eligible Students
Education of Students with Disabilities
under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
of 1973
Nondiscrimination
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Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action

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Legal References:	American Disabilities Act (ADA), Revised Title II Regulations, Service Animals, 75 C.F.R. § 36.104
	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
	RCW 28A.642 Discrimination prohibition
	RCW 49.60.040 Definitions
	RCW 46.60.214 Misrepresentation of an animal as a
	<u>service animal—Civil infraction—</u>
	<u>Investigation and enforcement—</u>
	<u>Miniature horse</u>
	RCW 49.60.215 Unfair practices of places of public resort, accommodation, assemblage, amusement—
	Trained dog guides and service animals
	WAC 162-26 Public accommodations, disability discrimination
	WAC 392-145-021 (3) General operating requirements
	WAC 392-172A-01035 Child with a disability or student eligible for special education
	WAC 392-172A-01155 (3) Related services
	WAC 392-190 Equal educational opportunity—unlawful discrimination prohibited

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