



## **Administrative Directive 3.80.011-AD**

### **Service Animals in Schools and Animals on School Property**

The District acknowledges its responsibility to permit students and adults with disabilities to be accompanied by a “service animal” as required by federal and state laws against discrimination. Additionally, under the proper conditions, animals can be an effective teaching aid. This administrative directive governs the presence of service animals in the schools, and rules that apply to animals in the classroom or on school property.



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demonstration of the need for a service animal, that the service animal is trained and that the service animal will not disrupt the workplace.

- (2) If the accommodation request to bring a service animal to work is granted, the employee is responsible for taking care of the service animal, including making sure the animal is not disruptive, providing veterinary care and taking the animal outside when necessary to relieve itself.

#### **II. Rules and Responsibilities for Use of Service Animals at School, on School Grounds, and at School Functions**

- A. Neither the District, nor its employees, are responsible for the cost, care or supervision of the service animal. The owner/handler of the service animal is responsible for any and all damage caused by the service animal at school, on school premises or at school activities.
- B. The service animal may be excluded or removed if the animal is not housebroken or if the animal is out of control and the animal's handler does not take effective action to control it. If a service animal is excluded, the

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presence in a specific school or school location compromises legitimate safety interests that are necessary for safe operation.

- F. “Wild animal” means an animal not commonly domesticated and includes birds, reptiles and amphibians. Examples: raccoon, robin.

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Legal References: American Disabilities Act (ADA), Revised Title II Regulations; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; ORS 659A.143