

*Service Animals in Schools*

Purpose

**“Service animal”** is defined in the accompanying regulation. The Board adopts this Policy to ensure that individuals with disabilities, as defined in the accompanying regulation, are permitted to participate in and benefit from District programs, activities and services through the use of service animals as defined in the accompanying regulation, and to ensure that the District does not discriminate on the basis of disability.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Board shall permit individuals with disabilities to use service animals in District buildings, on District property, and on vehicles that are owned, leased or controlled by the District, in accordance with this policy and applicable state and federal laws and regulations. The Superintendent or designee shall develop and disseminate administrative regulations to implement this Board policy and accommodate individuals with disabilities requesting use of a service animal in District buildings and on District property and vehicles.

References:

Pennsylvania Human Relations Act – 43 P.S. Sec. 953

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act – 29 U.S.C. Sec. 794

Americans with Disabilities Act – 42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.