

## SERVICE ANIMALS IN SCHOOL

The Keller School District Board of Directors 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 that is trained for the purpose of assisting or accommodating a disabled person’s sensory, mental or physical disability.

The parent/guardian of a student who believes the student needs to bring a service animal to school or an employee who wishes to bring a service animal to school, must submit a written request to the building principal. The building principal, in consultation with the Section 504 coordinator or director of special services, as appropriate, will determine whether or not to permit the service animal in school.

Cross Reference: Policy 2029 Policy 2161 Policy 2162  Policy 3210 Policy 5010	Animals as Part of the Instructional Program Education of Students with Disabilities Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 Nondiscrimination Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action
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Legal References: American Disabilities Act (ADA), Revised Title II Regulations, §35 Service animals  
 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

RCW 49.60.040 RCW 28A.642  WAC 392-145-021(3) WAC 392-172A-01155 (3) WAC 392-172A-01035  WAC 392-190  WAC 162-26	Definitions Discrimination Prohibition  General Operating Requirements Related Services Child with a Disability or Student eligible for Special Education Equal Educational Opportunity – unlawful discrimination prohibited Public accomodations, disability discrimination
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