

**Service Animals in Schools**

The Kennewick 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.

The superintendent will develop procedures to implement the policy.

Cross References: [5010 – Recruitment and Selection: Non-Discrimination](#)  
[5011 - Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action](#)  
[5150 – Unlawful Discrimination and Harassment Prohibited](#)  
[3210 - Nondiscrimination](#)  
[2318 - Animals as Part of the Instructional Program](#)  
[2153 - Education of Students With Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973](#)  
[2151 – Education of students with Disabilities According to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\)](#)

Legal References: [American Disabilities Act \(ADA\), Revised Title II Regulations, 35 Service animals](#)  
[Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973](#)  
[RCW 28A.642 Discrimination Prohibition](#)  
[RCW 49.60.040 Definitions](#)  
[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 education opportunity - Unlawful discrimination prohibited](#)