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SERVICE ANIMALS

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- (1) The process for requesting a service animal in Washington County School District will include the following:
 - a) A letter provided to the school from the parent requesting permission for the service animal to attend school with the student and stating the necessity for a FAPE with the service animal.
 - b) A letter from a physician or clinical psychologist, licensed in Florida, confirming the diagnosis of a special need, including the recommendation for the use of the service animal.
 - c) A certificate of training for the service animal from a; certified training center.
 - d) A copy of liability insurance from the parent stating the service animal is covered.
- (2) Standards of behavior for the service animal include:
 - a) Animal is clean and well groomed
 - b) Animal is well trained
 - c) Animal does not solicit attention, visit or annoy any member of the student body or school personnel
 - d) Animal does not vocalize unnecessarily, ie barking, growling or whining
 - e) Animal shows no aggression towards people or other animals
 - f) At any time, if animal does not meet the above minimum standards it will be denied access to school property.
- (3) The required accommodation documentation will be defined as a necessity for FAPE on an Individual Education Plan or a Section 504.
- (4) The required health certification for the service animal will include:
 - (a) Proof of current vaccinations and confirmation that the service animal is in good health as well as a statement that all vaccinations will be maintained.

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- (5) Transportation for the service animal will be addressed on a case- by- case basis for each student with a disability.
- (6) Arrangements will be made with the school and parent to provide access to the school prior to the student implementing the use of the service animal. This access will be under the supervision of an administrator for the purpose of familiarizing the animal to the building as well as creating an emergency plan.
- (7) All staff including teachers, educational assistants, custodians, support staff, volunteers and health and safety representatives of the presence of the service animal.

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