TRAINED SERVICE ANIMALS

The Virginians with Disabilities Act, Virginia Code § 51.5-44, as amended, and the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), as amended, allow trained service dogs or miniature horses assisting persons with disabilities to enter and be present in public schools. The School Board does not discriminate on the basis of disability and persons with disabilities have the same right to access School Board property or school sponsored events as nondisabled persons. Trained service dogs or miniature horses meeting the terms of this policy and implementing regulation will be allowed in all schools, school administration buildings, school buses, and at all school sponsored events to which the disabled person served by the dog or miniature horse is allowed access.

The Division Superintendent will develop implementing regulations for students, employees and visitors.

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