

## Service Animals

The Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education (the Board) adopts this policy to ensure that individuals with disabilities are able to participate in and benefit from Colorado Springs School District 11 (the District) services, programs and activities, to ensure that the District does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of disability, and to otherwise comply with applicable state and federal laws. In accordance with federal law, a miniature horse may be treated the same as or similar to a Service Animal.

For the purposes of this policy and accompanying regulation, “Service Animal” means any dog or miniature horse that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.

In accordance with law, individuals with disabilities may be accompanied by service animals (“Service Animals”) in District facilities and vehicles, on District grounds and at District functions.

For the purposes of this policy and accompanying regulation, “Service Animal-in-training” means a dog or miniature horse that is being trained as a Service Animal.

In accordance with law, trainers of Service Animals or individuals with disabilities may also be accompanied by a dog or miniature horse that is in the process of being trained. Such trainer and individual may be accompanied in District facilities and vehicles, on District grounds and at District functions.

The Superintendent will develop regulations to implement this policy.

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LEGAL REFS.: 20 U.S.C. § 1400, *et seq.*, 34 C.F.R. part 300 (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)  
29 U.S.C. § 794, 34 C.F.R. part 104 (Section 504 Rehabilitation Act of 1973)  
42 U.S.C. § 12101, *et seq.*, 28 C.F.R. §§ 35.104, 35.136 (Americans with Disabilities Act)  
C.R.S. § 22-36-101 (Public Schools of Choice)  
C.R.S. § 24-34-803 (Rights of Persons with Assistance Dogs)

CROSS REFS.: AC, Non-Discrimination/Equal Opportunity  
AC-R, Employee Discrimination/Harassment Reporting  
EJ-R, Service Animals Regulation  
JBB-R, Student Discrimination/Harassment Reporting and Investigation Procedures  
JFBA/JFBB, School Choice-Open Enrollment and Transfers  
JFBA/JFBB-R, School Choice-Open Enrollment and Transfer Regulations