

ANIMALS IN BUILDINGS

The Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education (the Board) adopts this policy to ensure all staff and students are able to participate in and benefit from Colorado Springs School District 11 (the District) services, programs and activities, to ensure the District does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of disability, to comply with applicable state and federal laws, and to prohibit most other animals from being inside District properties.

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 in District facilities and vehicles, on District grounds, and at District functions.

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.

Beyond Service Animals, the only other types of animals permitted on school grounds, in school vehicles, or inside District buildings are animals there for a legitimate educational interest (e.g. classroom animals), or those in a working capacity (e.g. law enforcement or therapy dogs). For therapy dogs, an appointment must be made with the school prior to the dog entering the building. In addition, proof of insurance and certification by a therapy provider must be verified by the District’s Risk Management Department prior to entry into a building

The superintendent or designee shall 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
29 U.S.C. § 794, 34 C.F.R. part 104
42 U.S.C. § 12101, *et seq.*, 28 C.F.R. §§ 35.104, 35.136
C.R.S. § 22-36-101
C.R.S. § 24-34-803
American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen Test (akc.org)

CROSS REFS.: AC, Non-Discrimination/Equal Opportunity
AC-R, Employee Discrimination/Harassment Reporting
EJ-R, Animals in Buildings
EJ-E-1, Request to Be Accompanied by Service Animal/Miniature Horse
EJ-E-2, Service Animal/Miniature Horse Agreement
EJ-E-3, Request to Enter District 11 Buildings with a Therapy Dog

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