

SERVICE ANIMAL

The Board of Public Schools District 201 will permit service animals to be used by students for the benefit of an individual with a disability.

Service animals are defined as any animal that is trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability.

- assist individuals who are blind or have severe sight impairments as “seeing eye dogs”
- alert individuals with hearing impairments to sounds;
- pull wheelchairs or carry and pick-up items for individuals with mobility impairments; and
- assist mobility-impaired individuals with balance.

The Board of Public Schools District 201 will not be held responsible for any damage to or loss of a service animal.

If, in the opinion of the building Principal or his or her designee, any service animal is present in the building, the Principal or designee may require the animal to be removed from the building.

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In providing accommodations for students, the

designed to educate other students of the appropriate behavior in the presence of such dogs, as well as the proper handling of such dogs in the presence of those students who may have an allergic reaction to the dog and the reasonable care to be taken in efforts to prevent contact by students who are allergic with such dogs.

If any student or staff member assigned to the classroom in which a service animal is permitted suffers an allergic reaction to the animal, the person having custody and control of the animal shall be responsible for the cost of the medical treatment.