



SERVICE DOG INFORMATION

- EA training will occur and a manual provided.
- The only person allowed to pet the service dog is the student or the EA holding the leash.
- Student is tethered to the service dog and the service dog will only move if the student is holding onto the handle; the student has to keep the service dog safe – that is the student's responsibility.
- Crate provided from home.
- EA holds the service dog's leash when moving and student holds the handle.
- Mostly the service dog is on a mat in the classroom – gym class occurs without the service dog. The service dog is put into the crate.
- **Who cleans up after the service dogs?** – sometimes the EA if willing or parents at the end of the day.
- **Allergy/Fear** – a student with an allergy or fear will be moved, not the student/service dog; mat can be washed weekly by sending home; **Fear** – the service dogs are safe; introduction sessions so students get comfortable and confident with the service dog; the tool for the child is a service dog (4 legs and a tail), just like a wheelchair for a student.
- **Fieldtrips** – EA travels with service dog and student.
- Service dog helps with transition to skating, swimming – and would be tethered to something.
- **Harness:** when off is when the service dog is able to drink water and go pee.
- Training occurs within the school before service dog and child attend on their own to ensure they feel confident;
- An assembly will occur to introduce the service dog – and learn about conduct for all around the service dog.

Note: copies available at Assignment Meeting:

- Guide Dog and Service Dog Act;
- Rights & Responsibilities of Businesses and the Public;
- Rights of Certified Dog and Handler Teams.