

The Center for Creativity, Innovation and Discovery

Service Animals in School

Policy

The Governing Board of The Center for Creativity, Innovation and Discovery ("CCID") acknowledges the school's responsibility to permit students and/or adults with disabilities to be accompanied by a "service animal" in its school buildings, in classrooms, and at school functions, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, 28 CFR Part 35 (as amended, 2010), subject to the following:

1. All requests for an individual with a disability to be accompanied by a service animal must be addressed in writing to the Executive Director of CCID, and must contain required documentation of vaccinations. This written request must be delivered to the CCID Front Office at least 10 business days prior to bringing the service animal to school or a school function.
2. Owners of a service dog must provide annual proof of the following vaccinations: DHLPPC (Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Paroinfluenza, Parvovirus, and Coronavirus), Bordetella, and Rabies.
3. All service dogs must be spayed or neutered.
4. All service animals must be treated for, and kept free of, fleas and ticks.
5. All service animals must be kept clean and groomed to avoid shedding and dander.
6. Owners of service animals are liable for any harm or injury caused by the animal to other students, staff, visitors, and/or property. Owners are also solely liable for additional cleaning costs if the service animal defecates, urinates, or otherwise contaminates or makes CCID's facility or grounds dirty.
7. The animal must be a dog. No other species of animal, whether wild or domestic, will be permitted in schools as a "service animal."
8. The animal must be "required" for the individual with a disability.
9. The animal must be "individually trained" to do work or a task for the individual with a disability.
10. A service animal must have a harness, leash, or other tether, unless either the handler is unable because of a disability to use a harness, leash, or other tether, or the use of a harness, leash, or other tether would interfere with the service animal's safe, effective performance of work or tasks, in which case the service animal must be otherwise under the handler's control.

Removal of a Service Animal

A school administrator may ask an individual with a disability or his parents to remove a service animal from a school building, a classroom, or from a school function if any one of the following circumstances occurs:

1. The animal is out of control and the animal's handler does not take effective action to control it;
2. The animal is not housebroken;
3. The animal's presence would “fundamentally alter” the nature of the service, program, or activity.

Limitations

1. CCID is not responsible for the care or supervision of a service animal, including walking the animal or responding to the animal’s need to relieve itself.
2. CCID is not responsible for providing a staff member to walk the service animal or to provide any other care or assistance for the animal.
3. Students with service animals are expected to care and supervise their animals. In the case of a young child or a student with disabilities who is unable to care for or supervise his service animal, the parent is responsible for providing care and supervision of the animal.
4. Issues related to the care and supervision of service animals will be addressed on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the CCID Administration.