

Animals in District Facilities

Only service animals¹ serving persons with a disability and animals approved by the superintendent or designee that are part of an approved district curriculum or cocurricular activity are allowed in district facilities.

Approved animals must be adequately cared for and appropriately secured. Only the teacher or students designated by the teacher are to handle the animals.

If animals are to be kept in the classroom on days when classes are not in session, arrangements must be made for their care.

Animals, except those service animals serving persons with a disability, may not be transported on a school bus.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 659A.400](#)

[OAR 581-053-0010](#)
[OAR 581-053-0230\(9\)\(j\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0330\(1\)\(q\)](#)

[OAR 581-053-0430\(16\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0531\(15\)](#)

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213 (2006); 28 CFR §§ 35.104, 35.136 (2006).
Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008.

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¹The American with Disabilities Act definition of “service animal” means any dog 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. Companion and comfort animals are not considered service animals. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purposes of this definition. The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the individual’s disability. Examples of work or tasks include, but are not limited to, assisting individuals who are blind or have low vision with navigation and other tasks, alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to the presence of people or sounds, providing non-violent protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, assisting an individual during a seizure, alerting individuals to the presence of allergens, retrieving items such as medicine or the telephone, providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability to individuals with mobility disabilities, and helping persons with psychiatric and neurological disabilities by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors. The crime deterrent effects of an animal’s presence and the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort or companionship do not constitute work or tasks for the purposes of this definition. The law and its regulations also make an allowance for miniature horses.

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Animals on District Property

The district is dedicated to protecting the health and well-being of the community. While the district recognizes that under the proper conditions animals can be an effective teaching aid, some students are highly allergic to certain animals. Animals can also spread disease, or behave in dangerous or unpredictable ways that can cause injury to persons with whom they come into contact. Therefore, animals, including but not limited to dogs, cats, rabbits and other caged animals are not allowed in district facilities or transported on district buses, subject to certain exceptions.

The superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations as may be necessary to implement this policy.

Teaching Aid Exceptions

The superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations as may be necessary to define the conditions under which animals, other than service animals, may be brought to schools.

Service Animal Exception

Qualified individuals with disabilities are eligible to use certified service animals on District property. "Service animal" means any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision and assisting individuals with impaired mobility.

Persons with disabilities may be accompanied by their certified service animals while on district property for events that are open to the general public. This right of access does not extend to the schools generally or to other activities which are not open to the general public.

Use of a certified service animal by a student with a disability will be allowed in school when it has been determined that the student's disability requires such use for the student to have equal access to the services, programs, or activities being offered by the school.

Use of a certified service animal by an employee with a disability will be allowed when such use is necessary to enable the employee to perform the essential functions of his or her position, or to enable the employee to enjoy comparable benefits and privileges of employment as are enjoyed by other similarly situated employees without disabilities.

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Dogs in Training

Persons conducting training of a service animal may be accompanied by an animal in training while on school property for the purpose of school business. The training cannot disrupt or interfere with the school's educational process.

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