

## **Service Animals**

The Lincoln County School District is committed to providing equal access to its programs, activities, events and facilities and will not discriminate against any individual regardless of that individual's disabilities. Individuals who, because of the nature of their disability, require the assistance of a "service animal" to access LCSD programs, activities, events and facilities shall not be denied access.

For the purpose of the policy the term "service animal" is defined as:

1. Any dog that is individually and specifically trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.
2. A miniature horse if the miniature horse has been individually and specifically trained to do work or perform tasks for the individual's benefit, subject to the following considerations:
  - a. The type, size and weight of the miniature horse and whether the facility can accommodate these features;
  - b. Whether the handler has sufficient control of the miniature horse;
  - c. Whether the miniature horse is housebroken; and
  - d. Whether the miniature horse's presence in the specific facility compromises legitimate safety requirements that are necessary for its safe operation of the facility.

All other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purpose of this policy.

References: Americans with Disabilities Act, Title II Regulations as amended in 2010, 28 C.F.R Part 35

END OF POLICY

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