

# STDNT2.1 - Equal Educational Opportunity: Service Animals

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### FBA SERVICE ANIMALS

#### LOCAL

*Service animal* means any dog or miniature horse 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. Service animals do not include other species of animals, whether wild or domestic or trained or untrained.

Any person or entity that operates a public place shall not discriminate against individuals with disabilities who use service animals if the work or tasks performed by the service animal are directly related to the individual's disability. Work or tasks include 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 nonviolent 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 individuals 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.

Individuals with disabilities shall be permitted to be accompanied by their service animals in all areas of a district's facilities where members of the public, participants in services, programs, or activities, or invitees, as relevant, are allowed to go. A district is not responsible for the care or supervision of a service animal.

A district may ask an individual with a disability to remove a service animal from the premises if:

1. The animal is out of control, and the animal's handler does not take effective action to control it; or
2. The animal is not housebroken.

#### LEGAL

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