



Transportation Protocol: Certified Service Dog

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The following protocol is suggested for a safe ride with the Certified Service Dog:

1. A student that is eligible to bring a Certified Service Dog to school is allowed by law to have the service dog transported on the school bus.
2. The family must provide the Transportation Department with proof that the Service Dog is a licensed, trained dog.
3. Contact the School Principal to ensure a plan has been developed at the school level and that the principal is aware of the need for transportation arrangements.
4. Ensure there is documentation about the Service Dog with the route information to ensure all drivers and spare drivers are informed.
5. The handler or school must provide basic training for the driver and other students on the bus to ensure all parties have an understanding of what is allowed and what is not allowed.
6. The Service Dog should not sit in the aisle of the bus. Whenever possible, the Service Dog should be in the seat compartment and/or on the floor away from the aisle to prevent it from becoming a projectile or a tripping hazard.
7. The Service Dog is a highly trained animal and should not be touched or fed by anyone but the handler. The dog is working while on the bus and therefore should be quiet, still, and attentive to the handler.
8. The Division may determine the need for another person to accompany the student and Service Dog on the bus.