

Behavioral Guidelines for Service Animal Handlers In School District Facilities

A handler is a person designated with the control and care of the service animal in school district facilities and shall not interfere with the educational process in the classroom.

To make your experience as a service animal handler beneficial for the student with the service animal and for the school, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- A handler is not permitted to use, in any manner, a telephone or any electronic devices while in the classroom; unless, in an emergency situation and authorized by the teacher.
- A handler may not divulge individual student's¹ personal and confidential information. Students have a right to confidentiality under Florida Statute 1002.22, this includes, but is not limited to:

Academic work completed; Family background information; Standardized test scores; Health data; Grades; Teacher or Counselor ratings and observations; and/or, Report of serious or recurrent behavior patterns.

- A handler should set a good example for students by their manner, appearance and behavior.
- A handler is not permitted to interrupt the class with comments, questions, opinions or criticism regarding the teaching methods and/or the subject being taught by the teacher.
- A handler is not permitted to criticize the work performed by the staff assisting the teacher with students during class.
- A handler is not permitted to supervise a classroom or discipline students.
- A handler is not allowed to feed and/or give the students medication.
- A handler is not permitted to audio or video record activities in the classroom or to take still photographs of students and/or school personnel.
- A handler is required to pass a Level II background screening prior to being allowed in the classroom.
- A handler is required to wear an ID badge at all times.

I have read and agree to follow these Behavioral Guidelines. I understand that failure to adhere to the above guidelines may result in the handler's removal from the class/school.

Handler's Signature Date

Print Student's Name

Print Handler's Name

Parent's Signature Date

Print Parent's Name

¹ The term "Student(s)" throughout these guidelines refers to both the student with the service animal, as well as, all students in the classroom or in the school.