

CHAPTER 8.00 - AUXILIARY SERVICES

SERVICE ANIMALS

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General Statement of Policy

The Lanett City School System will comply with all state and federal laws, regulations, and rules regarding the use of service animals by persons with disabilities under appropriate circumstances.

Every person with a disability, including a person who is totally or partially blind, hearing-impaired, or diagnosed on the autism spectrum shall have the right to be accompanied by a service animal in any public place, including a public or private school, and any of the places listed in Section 21-7-3. The person may not be required to pay an extra charge for the service animal.

Definition of "Service Animal"

As defined by Alabama Law and federal regulations implemented under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the term "service animal" means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. (Note: The ADA regulations also include "miniature horses" in appropriate circumstances.)

Work or Tasks Performed

The work or tasks performed by the service animal must be directly related to the handler's disability.

Training

A person training a service animal shall be entitled to the same privileges granted to a person with a disability as noted above. In the case of a disabled child, any aide assigned to assist the child shall be trained with the service animal in basic commands in order to assist the child as a team.

Liability

Under Alabama Law, a person accompanied by a service animal is not relieved from liability for any damages done to the premises or facilities by the service animal.

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