



NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO
Student Services Consortium



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106 SERVICE ANIMALS	Date: December 2018
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Statement and Rationale	Service Animals may be permitted on school purpose vehicles for students with disabilities.
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Definition	A service animal is an animal that is being used by a person with a disability and that is readily apparent or is supported by a letter from a physician or qualified medical professional.
Procedure	<p>The appropriate school, school board or parent/guardian will contact the Consortium and make a request for transportation services, indicating that the student requires the use of a service animal. This request may be included in Form 215A Special Education Transportation Application, if applicable.</p> <p>Consortium staff reserve the right to request appropriate documentation to support the need for the service animal.</p> <p>Decisions regarding the use of service animals on school purpose vehicles will be made on a case by case basis in consultation with all Stakeholders.</p> <p>Every effort will be made to accommodate the service animal however there may be situations where this isn't possible, including where there is a risk to the health and safety of another person as a result of the presence of a service animal (e.g. if another individual has a severe allergy to the animal). Consideration will be given to all options available prior to exclusion of a service animal, and in the case that an animal must be excluded the Consortium will make every effort to put alternative arrangements in place to provide services required by the student.</p>

Reference to Policy	Reviewed:	Next Review: December 2021
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