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106 SERVICE ANIMALS

Statement and Rationale	Service Animals may be permitted on school purpose vehicles for students with disabilities.
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Procedure	<p>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.</p> <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 may 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).</p> <p>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 accommodate the student.</p>
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