

SERVICE ANIMALS IN SCHOOLS

- I. Talbot County Public Schools acknowledges its responsibility to permit individuals with disabilities to be accompanied by service animals in its facilities and school buildings, in both classrooms and at school functions, as required by the *Americans with Disabilities Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008*.
- II. Talbot County Public Schools (TCPS) complies with both state and federal laws in providing the use of service animals to persons with disabilities.
- III. The term service animal as stated in the federal regulation means any dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including any physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.
- IV. The service animal could be any dog, or in very specific circumstances, it could be a miniature horse.

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