

REGULATIONS

SUBJECT: Use of Guide Dog, Service Dog or Service Animal by a Student

1. The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) utilizes a variety of placements, differentiated programming, and evidence-based interventions and strategies to provide meaningful access to education for students who have disability-related needs that impact their learning.
2. Parents, guardians or adult students when considering the purchase of a Guide Dog, Service Dog or Service Animal may want to consult with the school principal before making a commitment.
3. Parents, guardians or adult students shall follow the process identified in the corresponding LKDSB Administrative Procedure to apply to have a Guide Dog, Service Dog or Service Animal accompany the student while the student is attending a LKDSB school or a school-related event.
4. The LKDSB approval process shall consider:
 - the right of the student requesting the accommodation,
 - the competing human rights of other students and staff;
 - the impact on the learning environment;
 - the health and safety of others.
5. The LKDSB requires applicants to provide all applicable documentation as outlined in the corresponding LKDSB Administrative Procedure including valid insurance covering the Guide Dog, Service Dog or Service Animal.
6. The LKDSB does not provide Guide Dogs, Service Dogs or Service Animals to students.
7. The LKDSB will communicate with school communities when the use of a service animal is being considered and when it has been approved.
8. The LKDSB shall retain data regarding the requests for Guide Dogs, Service Dogs and Service Animals as outlined in the corresponding Administrative Procedure.

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Reference: LKDSB Policy and Administrative Procedures
Human Rights Code, RSO 1990, c.H.19
Education Act, RSO 1990, c.E2, s. 170(1), s.265(1); O. Reg. 298, s.11
PPM 163 School Board Policies on Service Animals
Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, SO 2005, c.11
Blind Persons' Rights Act, RSO 1990, c.B7,
Dog Owners' Liability Act, RSO 1990, c.D16
Health Protection and Promotion Act, RSO 1990, c.H7
Food Safety and Quality Act 2001
Bill 48, Safe and Supportive Classroom Act, 2019