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Board Governance Policy Cross Reference: [1](#), [12](#), [13](#)

Administrative Procedures Cross Reference:

[Appropriate Educational Programming and Inclusion](#)

Form Cross Reference:

[Certified Service Animal Registration Agreement](#)

[Information for Parents/Guardians Requesting a Service Animal in a School](#)

[Management Plan for the Care of a Service Animal](#)

[Request for Approval for the Use of a Service Animal](#)

Legal/Regulatory Reference:

[Appropriate Educational Programming MR 155/2005](#)

[The Disabilities Rights Act](#)

[The Human Rights Code \(Manitoba\)](#)

[The Public Schools Act](#) 41(1)

[The Service Animals Protection Act \(Manitoba\)](#)

The Interlake School Division (ISD) recognizes that today's classrooms reflect our diverse communities and include a combination of student needs, learning styles and cultural backgrounds. The Division is committed to the rights of all students to participate in educational programming that, within available

daily living activities which include tasks, but are not limit to, providing balance and stability, retrieving items and pulling wheelchairs. There are strict guidelines that apply to their access, handling, and interaction. Service animals must wear a distinctive harness/saddlebag or vest and should be under control at all times. The animal should be harnessed, leashed or tethered unless these devices interfere with the work or task that they perform, or if the individual's disability prevents using these devices. In those instances, the individual relying on the animal must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal or other means.

When parents/guardians approach a school requesting the use of a service animal for their child, the Principal must determine if the request is for a service animal or a companion

1. Consult with the Student Services Administrator and the Superintendent's Department prior to planning the school entry process.
2. Upon receipt of the request form in the [Information for Parents/Guardians Requesting a Service Animal in a School](#),

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