

Series 3000: Operations, Finance, and Property

3100 General Operations

3109 Non-Service Animals

An animal is not allowed on District property except as provided in this Policy, Policy 3108, the Superintendent's or designee's approval, or as otherwise required by law. Nothing in this Policy diminishes any rights a person with a disability may have to be accompanied by a service animal or other therapy animal on District property. If an animal's handler is not a student or employee, the handler must undergo a criminal history check and any other background check required for employees and volunteers by state law or Policy before being allowed to regularly access District facilities as the handler.

A. Use of Animals for Instructional Purposes

An animal that supports a District program or curriculum or that is otherwise used for instructional purposes is allowed on District property with the Superintendent's or designee's prior written permission.

B. Therapy Animals

1. A "therapy animal," sometimes also referred to as an "emotional support animal," is an animal that has not been individually trained to perform a specific job or task for a person with a disability, but its presence provides comfort or emotional support to others. Therapy animals are not "service animals" under the ADA or Board Policy.
2. A therapy animal is not allowed on District property except as otherwise required by law.

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