Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Policy
Series 2000 – Community Relations
Policy #2211 – USE OF SERVICE ANIMALS

The Board allows the use of service animals by individuals with disabilities, subject to restrictions permitted by federal and/or state law, and procedures established by the District Superintendent.

For the purpose of this policy, a service animal is defined as any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, will not be considered service animals.

The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the individual's disability. The presence of the animal for one's wellbeing, comfort, companionship, crime deterrent, or emotional support is not considered a work-related task.

Where reasonable, the Board also allows the use of miniature horses by individuals with disabilities. Such use will only be permitted where a miniature horse has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks to benefit an individual with a disability. The use of miniature horses by individuals with disabilities will be subject to the considerations and restrictions permitted by federal and/or state law.

The District Superintendent may create regulations and/or building-specific rules regarding the use of service animals and miniature horses by individuals with disabilities.

28 CFR Sections 35.104, 35.136, 35.139

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