TRANSPORTATION PROTOCOL

The following protocol is suggested for a safe ride with the service dog or therapy animal

1. A student that is eligible to bring a service dog or therapy animal to school is allowed by law to have the animal transported on the school bus.

2. The Transportation Department should be assured by the principal that the animal is a licensed, trained animal.

3. The animal should not sit in the aisle of the bus. Whenever possible, they should be in the seat compartment and/or on the floor away from the aisle to prevent it from becoming a projectile or a tripping hazard.

4. The handler or school must provide basic training for the driver and other students on the bus to ensure all parties have an understanding of what is allowed and what is not allowed.

5. The animal is a highly trained and should not be touched or fed by anyone but the handler. The animal is working while on the bus and therefore should be quiet, still, and attentive to the handler.

6. The Director of Student Services may determine the need for another person to assist the student and animal on the bus.