



POLICY: CERTIFIED SERVICE ANIMALS FOR STUDENTS

REFERENCE NO: P-AD-31

The Greater Essex County District School Board is committed to meeting the accessibility needs of persons with disabilities in accordance with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* and its regulations, as amended from time to time, and the Ontario *Human Rights Code*. This policy and the associated Regulation apply to the use of Certified Service Animals by students. The accessibility needs of staff and others accessing Board property are addressed in Policy P- AD- 31 and Regulation(s) R- AD- 31.

The Greater Essex County District School Board recognizes that some students with disability related needs require the use of a Certified Service Animal. The Certified Service Animal is considered an accommodation when it enables a student to access the Ontario Curriculum Accommodations refer to specialized supports that enable a student to learn and to demonstrate learning (Special Education in Ontario, Kindergarten to Grade 12, Policy and Resource Guide, 2017).