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5. TRANSPORTING SERVICE ANIMALS

- 5.1** Service animals are trained to assist children who have physical or developmental disabilities with their daily lives and living activities.
- 5.2** RCJTC recognizes that a student may require a service animal to be transported with them on a school purpose vehicle as part of their daily life and activities.
- 5.3** The Human Rights Code and the Ontarians with Disabilities Act cites the use of service animals as a right of the individual.
- 5.4** Specialized transportation requests are approved on an annual basis only and must be reviewed each year.
- 5.5** The parent/guardian shall:
 - 1. Provide a letter to the Special Education Department outlining what they see as the benefits of having the service animal attend school with their child.
 - 2. Provide a letter to the Special Education Department from their doctor recommending the use of a service animal for their child at school.
 - 3. Provide a certificate of training from a certified training center of service animals.
 - 4. Provide the school with annual proof that the animal has been vaccinated, in good health and is licensed by the municipality.
 - 5. Assist in the training of the service animal to board, ride and alight the vehicle with their child prior to using the regular transportation service.

Related RCJTC Administrative Procedures

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| AP.02.01 | Accessibility Plan – Loading and Unloading |
| AP.02.05 | Transporting Service Animals Procedure |

Related RCJTC Forms

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| F.02.01.1 | Personalized Accessibility Plan for Students with a Special Need |
| F.02.01.2 | Specialized Transportation Request |