

TRANSPORTATION PROTOCOL

The following protocol is suggested for a safe ride with the service dog:

1. A student that is eligible to bring a service dog to school is allowed by law to have the animal transported on the school bus.
2. The Transportation Department should confirm with the Principal that the service dog is a certified and trained animal. Once confirmed, the Director of Transportation shall provide a copy of the *Transportation Protocol (Appendix)* to the driver.
3. The service dog 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 service dog is highly trained and should not be touched or fed by anyone but the handler. The service dog is working while on the bus and therefore should be quiet, still, and attentive to the handler.
6. The Director of Inclusion may determine the need for another person to assist the student and service dog on the bus.