

**ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
SECTION C: STUDENTS**

USE OF SERVICE DOGS IN SCHOOLS BY STUDENTS	POLICY
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POLICY STATEMENT:

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board is committed to providing plans, programs and/or services that respect the independence and dignity of students with disabilities and enable students with health or medical needs to attend and participate in school. Such services incorporate measures that include but are not limited to the use of service dogs.

POLICY GOALS:

1. Will provide direction to principals and parents/guardians regarding the admittance and implementation of service dogs, autism dogs, guide dogs, hearing dogs and other certified working dogs in schools.
2. Will establish a process for the implementation of service dogs in schools that is based on clear communication, a well-informed school community and careful planning.
3. Ensure that student needs are being met effectively through the use of service dogs in schools; this procedure will be reviewed.