I. Purpose

The purposes of this procedure are as follows.

A. Provision of information regarding reasonable accommodations and service animals in employment or in the provision of access to Harford County Public School ("HCPS") services, programs and activities.

B. Adoption of procedures for obtaining a reasonable accommodation or authorization for a service animal.

C. Designation of a person to contact regarding or obtaining a reasonable accommodation or authorization for a service animal.

II. Definitions


C. **HCPS** means Harford County Public Schools.

D. **Reasonable Accommodations** means a change or alteration in a work condition such as, for example, scheduling changes or physical modifications or changes or alterations to policies, practices or procedures which HCPS is legally required to provide.
E. **Service Animals** means a dog or miniature horse which a person with a disability requires because of his or her disability and which will perform work or tasks for the person.

F. **Disability** means with respect to a person, having a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity; having a record of such impairment; or being regarded as having such an impairment.

III. Procedures

A. Employment

1. The Risk Manager shall engage in an interactive process with the person seeking the accommodation to obtain such information regarding the request as is necessary and legally available to make a determination regarding the request and shall issue a decision granting or denying the request.

2. Any person with a disability requesting a reasonable accommodation in employment may contact either his or her supervisor or the HCPS Risk Manager, 102 South Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, Maryland, 21014, at 410-588-5286. If a request is made to a supervisor, he or she shall refer it to the Risk Manager. The request may either be in writing or verbal.

B. Access to HCPS Programs, Services and Activities

Any person with a disability requesting a reasonable accommodation with respect to access to programs, services and activities shall contact his or her supervisor or the Risk Manager, at 102 South Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, Maryland, 21014, or 410-588-5286, or the Director of Student Services at 102 South Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, Maryland, 21014, or 410-588-5334. If request is made to a supervisor, he or she shall refer the request to either the Risk Manager. The request may be made either in writing or verbally.
C. Service Animals

Any person with a disability requesting that he or she be permitted to bring and maintain a service animal in or about HCPS property or buildings may contact his or her supervisor or the HCPS Risk Manager, at 102 South Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, Maryland, 21014, or 401-588-5286. If request is made to a supervisor, the supervisor shall refer the request to the Risk Manager. The request may be either verbal or in writing.

D. Should the person requesting a reasonable accommodation or service animal be dissatisfied with the decision regarding a request made pursuant to the above procedures, the person may file a complaint pursuant to the Procedure entitled, “Complaint Under the ADA or Section 504,” or pursue any other legal action or both available to him or her.

Approved By:

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Barbara P. Canavan
Superintendent of Schools

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[Date]
REFERENCE

Legal references are set forth in the procedure.

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1 All references are to specific federal or Maryland statutes or regulations. References are provided for convenience and informational purposes only and are not to be considered as exhaustive or as precluding Harford County Public Schools from relying upon any other statutes or regulations in support of a policy.