

1.230 PETS AND SERVICE ANIMALS ON CAMPUS

Campus contact: Human Resources

POLICY:

The college does not permit pets inside buildings. The college does not consider service animals (as defined in RCW 9.91.170(9)(b)) as pets. People may bring other animals into a building only if the animal is part of an approved educational experience. Pets and service animals on campus shall be leashed or under the direct physical control of their owner or custodian. See, [WAC 132L-120-080\(5\)\(jj\)](#)

DEFINITIONS:

Pet: A domestic animal kept for pleasure or companionship.

Service Animal: an animal that is trained for the purposes of assisting or accommodating a disabled person's sensory, mental, or physical disability. ([RCW 9.91.170\(9\)\(b\).](#))

Service Animal-in-Training: Animal being trained to become a service animal. Service animals-in-training require college permission to enter a building or facility.

Owner/Partner Responsibilities

The college encourages any student with a disability who utilizes a service animal and is attending classes to register with Disability Services. To utilize the service animal as an accommodation in the classroom, the student must register with the Centralia College Center for Disabilities Services and receive approval for accommodations just as any other student with disabilities must for classroom accommodations.

The care and supervision of a service animal is the responsibility of the person who uses the animal's service. The person must maintain control of the animal at all times. The person is responsible for ensuring that the animal has appropriate hygiene and is responsible for the cleanup of all animal waste. The animal may only use designated animal toileting areas.

All dogs must wear an owner identification tag, and a current rabies tag.

College Personnel Responsibilities

Any college official may ask:

- Is the service animal required because of a disability? and
- What work or tasks has the animal been trained to perform?

Any clarification or actions should be referred to the vice president, student services or the vice president, human resources and legal affairs, or the director of disability services.

Removal of Service Animals

A college official may require an owner/partner to remove a service animal from Centralia College if it is disruptive to the learning environment.

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