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In order to ensure our schools are safe and comfortable for all inhabitants, iLEAD has developed the following guidelines regarding dogs in and on school grounds:

- Dogs are not allowed in the school or classroom unless they are serving as a service dog to a staff member, parent, learner or visitor. In such cases, an up to date vaccination record must be provided for the animal.
- The decision to allow service dogs in training will be left up to each school Director. However, they must also provide an up to date vaccination record.
- Parents should be advised that dogs are not allowed in the school. Dogs are also not allowed on school grounds during the hours in which school children are present.
- Los Angeles County Code requires that dog bites will be reported to the Los Angeles County Health Department and the dog may be placed in quarantine for 10 days.
- During non-student hours dogs must be leashed in accordance with Los Angeles County Code 10.32.010.

There is another class of dogs, the registered therapy dog, for which a school may want to grant an exception. Therapy dogs are specially trained dogs that might be of assistance to schools in working with learners with learning disabilities as well as emotional, developmental, behavior and traumatic / grief issues. In order for registered therapy dogs to be permitted in the classroom the following is required:

- The school's Student Support team must approve the use of a registered therapy dog for a specific student or group of students.
- The facilitator in which the dog would be present must agree to the having the dog in her or his classroom. Should the facilitator agree but later find the dog is not serving the overall best interest of the classroom, the facilitator may require the dog be removed from the classroom.
- Parents of the learner with whom the therapy dog will be used must approve of the use and must sign a waiver of liability for the school district.
- An up to date vaccination record must be provided for the animal.
- The dog and handler must have completed a course of instruction for therapy dogs as approved by the Delta Society or other competent organization and must provide appropriate proof of liability insurance.

- The dog will be removed from the school if a learner or staff member in the classroom or school complains of allergies related to dogs.

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