

More information on service dogs from Kim Ellis....

If the student needs the service dog, it is allowed on campus. You may ask if the service animal is required because of a disability and what work has the dog been trained to perform. You may not ask the student to leave with the dog unless the animal is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control it. ADA requires that service animals be under control of the handler at all times. If you have a student that has an allergy to the animal, then it would be appropriate to have a discussion with that student about finding another class to attend. Under ADA, service animals are not required to wear a vest, ID tag or specific harness. The student should have access to the same things that other students do, and cannot be singled out because the student is bringing a service animal to class. I have included a few bullet points to briefly answer your questions and have also attached a couple of links from the ADA website.

- Allergies and fear of dogs are not valid reasons for denying access or refusing service to people using service animals. When a person who is allergic to dog dander and a person who uses a service animal must spend time in the same room or facility, for example, in a school classroom or at a homeless shelter, they both should be accommodated by assigning them, if possible, to different locations within the room or different rooms in the facility.
- The service task performed must be directly related to the person's disability but you may not ask the person what their disability is and you may not require the dog to perform the task.
- You may not request certification information about service dogs. People with disabilities have the right to train the dog themselves and are not required to use a professional service dog training program.
- Individuals who have service animals are not exempt from local animal control or public health requirements such as vaccinations. Service animals are subject to local dog licensing and registration requirements.
- Mandatory registration of service animals is not permissible under the ADA. However, as stated above, service animals are subject to the same licensing and vaccination rules that are applied to all dogs.
- Individuals with disabilities may not be refused access to a facility based solely on the breed of their service animal. A service animal may not be excluded based on assumptions or stereotypes about the animals breed. However, if a particular service animal behaves in a way that poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others and is not under control of the handler, that animal may be excluded.

https://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm

https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/service_animal_qa.html#misc