

#### Guidelines Regarding Service Dogs:

- Became effective July 1, 2008 in amendment to the Virginian's with Disability Act
- Code of Virginia affords each student a near absolute right to be accompanied by a service dog in Virginia's schools-considered a statutory right-IEP unnecessary
- Prior approval
- Trained
- Health certificate
- Harness or vest identifying dog as service dog
- Dog must be certified for public access
- Assistance dog International-Public Access Test-give dog and handler certificate
- Must maintain Minimum standards for Assistance Dogs in Public-clean, appropriate place for defecating, does not solicit attention, no unnecessary vocalization, no aggression, does not steal food, does not interfere with educational process, no health threat or physical threat
- Completion of Service Dog Request Checklist to support or deny access.