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Redford Union Schools Therapy Dogs

The District supports the visitation of therapy dogs for general classroom activities by teachers, other qualified school personnel, and/or other qualified volunteers ("owner" or "handler") for the direct benefit of its students, subject to the conditions of this (these) administrative regulation(s).

A therapy dog is a dog that has been individually trained and registered to work with its handler(s) to provide emotional support, comfort, therapeutic benefits, emotional well-being, or companionship to school district students. Therapy dogs are not "service animals" as that term is used in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and therefore approval of the use of a therapy dog on district property is entirely within the discretion of the administration and not considered a required reasonable accommodation under the ADA. Therapy dogs are the personal property of the Owner and are not owned by the School District. The District may permit individuals to use therapy dogs on District property (including buildings) upon request, submission of required documentation, and approval by the Superintendent/Designee in accordance with this policy.

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

I understand that my child may have incidental or student-initiated contact with the school therapy dog. I understand that the Therapy Dog may be in my child's room and may be part of the counseling process. I understand that this permission form will remain "active" during the years my child attends Redford Union School District. If I should change my mind regarding my child's interaction and participation with the Therapy Dog, I understand I must provide this in writing to the school office. **If this form is not returned to the district upon enrollment/start of the program 2023-2024 school year, you are giving permission for your child to participate in the Therapy Dog program.**

- No, my child may NOT have contact with the Therapy Dog.
- Due to Allergies
 - Fear of Dogs
 - Other

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have questions, please contact the building administrator at your child's school.