

School District Policies & Procedures



School District Requirements

- Two points of contact are needed within the school/district.
 - One coordinator for the program implementation who functions in an administrative role for the oversight of YNA;
 - Examples: Social Worker, Admin, Guidance Counselor, Media Specialist etc.
 - One staff or consistent volunteer who is physically present in the room where the YNA; therapy dog visits are held, for the duration of the visit.
 - This is a 2 hour per week commitment.
- School districts must provide YNA; with copies of their policies and procedures for school volunteers.
- Background checks to be completed on YNA; volunteers per district policies.

Logistics & Fine Details

- YNA; therapy dog visits should be held in an open, inviting & inclusive space within the school building.
- Schools should feature a "school picture" of the therapy dog & have a framed copy of the picture in the main office of the school - this creates ownership & a sense of community with the therapy dog and students.
- All teams that volunteer their time with YNA; are certified therapy dog teams, through reputable organizations.
- Each therapy dog team will carry insurance supplied through their specific therapy dog organization. Insurance information will be shared with the school district upon request.

Next Steps

- If you've decided that your school district would like to partner with YNA; please complete these next steps --
 - Email admin@ynausa.org for a copy of the YNA; school district registration form & the participation agreement form.
 - Complete required forms and return them via email to admin@ynausa.org.
- YNA: will pair you with a therapy dog team & be in touch to begin YNA's programming within your school!