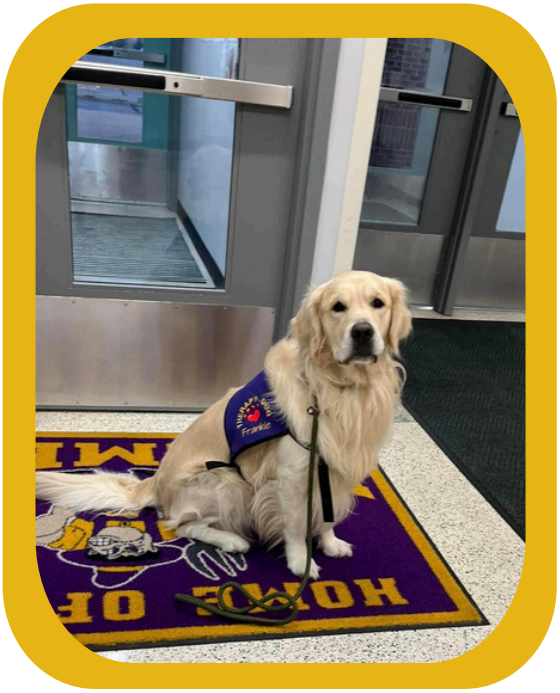


Meet
FRANKIE

Farmington School District Therapy Dog

Frankie is a six-year-old Golden Retriever who loves spending time with students and staff and providing comfort and companionship throughout the school day. While Frankie is at Farmington, he will be under the care of junior high school secretary Christie Koenig. Frankie will greet students during morning arrival, selected passing periods, and classroom visits.

Frankie's Role at Farmington School District

We are excited for our fourth year with Frankie as the district's therapy dog! Frankie helps provide comfort, encourage positive social interactions, support students during stressful or difficult moments, and contribute to a positive school environment. Students and staff will be taught specific guidelines for interacting with Frankie so visits remain safe, positive, and enjoyable for everyone.

Frankie has completed his Canine Good Citizen tests along with his Canine Good Citizen Urban and Community certifications. He is also certified and with the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Mrs. Koenig has been trained as his handler and will be with him during all school visits.

Frankie's Goals

- Greet students during morning arrival and selected passing periods.
- Visit classrooms.
- Encourage attendance and school engagement.
- Comfort grieving students.
- Provide a calming presence during stressful or anxious moments.

How to Interact With Frankie

- Remain in line when Frankie is in the hallway.
- Ask before petting Frankie.
- Walk up slowly and calmly, keeping your body and voice under control.
- If two students are already petting Frankie, please wait your turn.
- Do not feed Frankie unless Mrs. Koenig gives permission.
- Respect Frankie's space when he is resting or working.

Therapy Dog Opt-Out Slip

Parents/guardians: complete the form only if you DO NOT wish for your student to directly interact with Frankie. Frankie may still be present in common areas.

OPT-OUT FORM 26-27