



**Tri-State Canine Obedience**  
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## **Tri-State Canine Obedience Memorandum of Understanding**

This proposal will outline the collaboration between Tri-State Canine Obedience and Boone County Schools to create a Therapy Dog training program. Tri-State Canine Obedience owner Michael Dixon (Certified Behavioral Trainer) will personally write a new program for Boone County Schools and will personally take on all aspects of training and implementing this program.

The primary goal of this collaboration will be to create a program where Boone County Schools are able to facilitate and train therapy dogs for work in the school setting.

The main services provided will include:

- Design a curriculum where students can train dogs for therapy work. This will include written handouts and instructional information provided by Tri-State Canine Obedience.
- Assistance in evaluating and obtaining dogs through local dog rescues.
- Providing temperament testing for potential therapy dogs.
- Complete the training of the current therapy dog at the Boone County Schools.
- Provide resources for obtaining therapy dog related supplies and equipment.
- Unlimited online (email) and phone consultations after training is complete.

The timeline for this project:

- This project will cover the 2019-2020 school year. The planned curriculum will be in place before the school year starts.
- Starting immediately, the completion of training for the current therapy dog at the Boone County Schools.
- Training for the current dog will be done weekly to bi-weekly to amount in 20 hours total.
- Current dog will be provided with off site group class with Tri-State Canine Obedience to facilitate training during the summer totaling 16 hours.
- Within the 2019-20 school year, there will be weekly meetings/classes with Tri-State Canine Obedience to train and how to train the new therapy dog for the first two months. After that meetings/classes will be done bi-weekly, which will total 26 hours of individual training done on-site. Also, implementation of the curriculum will be a primary goal of the meetings/classes.

Pricing breakdown:

- Cost of on-site training is \$175 per hour. All materials and handouts for the curriculum are included in this cost. Total cost of \$8,050.00 for 46 hours.
- Cost of off-site therapy class for the completion of training for the current therapy dog is \$350.
- Total for all services will total \$8,400.00.

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Michael Dixon

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