

ANIMALS IN SCHOOL

The Board of Education recognizes the benefits of having animals as part of the learning process, but only under conditions that ensure the safety and well-being of students, staff, and the animal in a way that does not adversely impact school property.

Live animals in the classroom provide opportunities to learn about diversity, habitat, humane care, animal growth and development, reproduction, and behavior.

Prior approval shall be received from the classroom teacher and principal before any animals are brought into the school with the consultation of a veterinarian, if necessary, to ensure compliance for proper inoculation. The teacher must have a clear understanding of the responsible care of living animals before making any decision to use live animals for educational study.

Students and staff shall report all scratches, bites, and other animal-related injuries, allergies, or illness to the principal/designee for appropriate care and proper health notification.

Service animals will be allowed on school premises under safe and healthy conditions and in accordance with state and federal laws.

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