

**ANIMALS ON CAMPUS**

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Because some animals can cause or worsen allergic reactions, spread bacteria, or cause damage, the following guidelines shall be observed whenever a request is made to allow animals to be on a school campus:

- (1) A request to allow an animal to be on a school campus or in a specific class must be made in writing and approved by the school principal prior to the event. The written request should include the following:
  - (a) How the presence of an animal on campus is related to the curriculum and will contribute to instruction,
  - (b) The date of the event,
  - (c) The length of time the animal will be on campus ,
  - (d) Where the animal will be located on campus, and
  - (e) The person that will be in charge of the animal while on campus.
- (2) The request should also include proof that the animal has received all vaccinations.
- (3) Whenever the principal approves an animal on campus, the school must notify parents in advance of the event. The notification should also include the specific date that the animal will be on campus.
- (4) The animals must be kept in an appropriate cage, container, or on a leash or other restraint as to not endanger students and staff.
- (5) At no time will an animal be approved to be transported on a school bus.
- (6) Animals that remain in classrooms or at school (i.e., fish, hamsters, livestock) should be kept in a healthy condition and in appropriate cages, tanks, or pens that are maintained in a clean and safe condition (State Requirements for Educational Facilities, Chapter 5, Section 5).
- (7) The principal or designee shall be responsible for contacting local animal control authorities if any wild or stray animal(s) are found in a school building or on the school campus.

- (8) These procedures do not apply to law enforcement canine units or approved assistance and therapy animals.
- (9) In the event that a presentation with animals is made to students by the Fish and Wildlife Management Offices, the principal will ensure that the above procedures are followed.
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