

ANIMALS IN SCHOOLS

Permission is to be obtained from the principal before animals are brought to the classroom by anyone. If students wish to bring them for educational purposes, they are to consult with their teachers who, in turn, will request permission from the principal. Animals are not to be transported on a school bus.

Animals must be adequately housed and cared for in screened cages. Only the teacher or students designated by the teacher are to handle the animals.

If animals are to be kept in the classroom on days when classes are not in session, arrangements must be made for their care.

Before an animal may be brought into the classroom, the teacher, or designee, shall ascertain whether or not any student(s) is(are) allergic to said animal by checking the health list, emergency card, and/or checking with the students involved. If a student(s) is(are) allergic to said animal, the teacher, or designee, will gain parental permission for that student to be in the presence of that animal.

Reasonable accommodations will be made to all applicable board policies in accordance with Title II of the ADA for qualified individuals requiring guide dogs or other service animals.

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