

ANIMALS IN OR ON SCHOOL FACILITIES

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Inclusion of animals in classroom activities:

The Board of Education recognizes that animals have educational value in the school setting, but only under conditions that insure the safety and well-being of the students, staff, and the animal. Live animals in the classroom can provide opportunities to learn about diversity, habitat, humane care, animal growth and development, reproduction, and behavior.

However, having animals in a congested environment like a school can pose significant risks to the health and safety of students, staff, and the animals. Therefore, great care must be used when considering the inclusion of live animals in classroom activities.

In all instances, prior approval must be received from the principal before any animals are brought into the classroom or school.

Animals on School Grounds:

While animals can provide an important supplement to certain curriculum lessons, they are not appropriate for other school functions. Because of the risk of allergies, disease from animal droppings, and negative confrontations between animals and individuals,

No animals are permitted on school grounds except when authorized by the school administration for specific educational purposes.

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