

**ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOL**

Animals may be brought into the classroom for educational purposes. However, they must be appropriately housed, humanely cared for, and properly handled. Persons bringing animals into the school must receive prior permission from the supervising teacher.

1. Prior to bringing an animal into the classroom for instructional purposes, teachers are encouraged to take cognizance of any youngster who may suffer from specific allergies.
2. Teachers must assume primary responsibility for the humane proper treatment of any animal in the classroom.
3. Only the teacher or students designated by the teacher are to handle the animals.
4. If animals are to be kept in the classroom on days when classes are not in session, the teacher must make arrangements for their care and safety.
5. Teachers must be knowledgeable regarding proper care, feeding and handling of any animals brought into the classroom.
6. Animals are not to be transported on school buses.
7. If a staff member or student has been bitten by an animal where skin has been pierced, the incident must be reported immediately to the school office by the supervising adult. Principals are to assume responsibility to notify public health authorities and to impound the animals for observation. Public health authorities will determine the appropriate term of confinement of the animal and method of observation.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

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