

ANIMALS IN THE CLASSROOM PROCEDURE

Animals in the classroom are divided into three categories: classroom pets, visitors, and animals required as part of the curriculum.

CLASSROOM PETS

1. Any classroom teacher who wishes to have a classroom pet must first get approval from the building administrator
2. If the building administrator gives approval then it will be the teacher's responsibility to develop plan for the care of the animal in all circumstances which will include but not limited to feeding, fecal material removal, emergency school closing, and appropriate handling of the animal etc. This plan must be turned into the building administrator before the animal is permitted in the school.
3. No animal will be allowed to run freely anywhere in the school.

ANIMALS VISITING SCHOOL

1. During the school year there may be times when an animal for a specific and appropriate educational purpose would be allowed to visit the school with the approval of the building administrator.
2. The length of the visit would be for specific time and would not include an over night stay.

ANIMALS REQUIRED AS PART OF THE CURRICULUM

1. In the Full Option Science Systems (FOSS) the curriculum requires that some grade levels have animals that are included with the curriculum for educational purpose.
2. The classroom teacher must follow the same guidelines that are in this procedure for classroom pets.

All animals must be in good physical condition and those who need to be vaccinated against transmittable diseases must have proof that this has been done. Dogs, cats, and ferrets will require proof of original and booster rabies vaccination. Special consideration should be given to students allergic conditions before bringing animals into the classroom.

Service animals will be allowed.

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