



Policies and Procedures
Section Seven – Miscellaneous Policies

710 – ANIMALS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Background

While animals bring their own family much happiness, they can cause health and safety issues in a school environment. School parents and visitors are likely not aware of allergies and fears regarding pets that exist in the school population. Most students eagerly interact with animals, sometimes without an awareness of potential dangers, and their acceptance of an animal should not be misinterpreted as the permission required for animals to be present at school.

Policy 710

Unless approved by the school or for a specific purpose, animals should not be in the school building. School administration will determine the appropriateness of an animal in the school building.

Approved Specific Purposes

Identified service animals are permitted and do not require advance notice to the school. Identified service animals are officially registered animals that have been trained to assist individuals with special needs.

Class Pets / Lab Animals

Staff should check with administration for pre-approval for class pets or live lab animals.

Animal Visitors

From time to time, it may be appropriate for animals to visit the school (at elementary show and share times, for example). Families or staff who would like to have an animal visit the school should receive approval from administration before the visit. Animal owners are responsible for the conduct and cleanup of their pets.

Animals on School Grounds

School grounds are not to be used for the exercise or free running of animals at any time.