

ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOLS

Recognizing there are many tools that can be used to provide a variety of productive learning experiences for students, the Board supports the concept of using animals as an educational tool.

There are a variety of ways animals can be used in schools including:

1. scientific instruction
2. classroom pets
3. school mascots
4. search dogs

Prior to any use of animals, the administration should contact organizations such as the State Veterinary Association or the State Wildlife Society, regarding resource materials and suggested learning activities that may be available to help students increase their understanding of the animal world. The administration is responsible for developing regulations for the care and control of the animals.

All animal use in school buildings is consistent with health and safety policies established by the District. The administration is responsible for developing regulations for the care and control of the animals.

Service Animals

In compliance with Federal law, the Board permits the use of service animals in the schools for those individuals with qualified disabilities.

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LEGAL REF.: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; 20 USE 1400 et seq.
 Rehabilitation Act of 1973; 29 USC 794
 Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008; 42 USC 12101 et seq.
 28 CFR 35.136(d)
 ORC Chapter 3323
 Chapter 4112

Cross Refs.: AC, Nondiscrimination
 ACB, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability
 JFG, Interrogations and Searches
 EBC, Emergency/Safety Plans