

ANIMALS AT SCHOOL

In accordance with Board policy, a teacher or student may bring an animal into the classroom for instructional purposes with prior approval of the principal or designee. When a parent/guardian has provided notification that his/her child has an allergy, asthma, or health condition that may be affected by the animal, the teacher shall remove the animal from the classroom or provide an alternative instructional activity for the student as appropriate.

(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)

(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)

(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)

All animals brought to school must be in good physical condition and appropriately immunized. The teacher shall ensure that the species of animal is appropriate for the instructional purpose and age and maturity of the students.

All animals, with the exception of service animals, are prohibited on school transportation services. (Education Code 39839; 13 CCR 1216)

(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

All animals shall be humanely and properly housed in cages or containers specific for the species or otherwise appropriately controlled. The teacher shall also ensure that cages and containers are cleaned regularly and that waste materials are removed and disposed of in an appropriate manner. If the animal is to remain in the classroom longer than one day, the teacher shall be responsible for care and maintenance of the animal and ensure proper care when school is not in session, such as weekends, vacations, and holidays.

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

The teacher shall ensure that students receive instruction regarding personal hygiene around animals.

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)