

Instruction

ANIMALS AT SCHOOL

The Governing Board recognizes that animals can be an effective teaching aid. In addition, instruction related to the care and treatment of animals teaches students a sense of responsibility and promotes the humane treatment of living creatures.

Animals may be brought to school for educational purposes, subject to rules and precautions specified in administrative regulations related to health, safety and sanitation. Teachers shall ensure that these rules and precautions are observed so as to protect both the students and animals.

Seeing-eye dogs and service dogs may accompany students and staff at school as needed.

Legal Reference: Education Code  
233.5 Instruction in kindness to pets and humane treatment of living creatures  
51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety  
51540 Safe and humane treatment of animals at school  
Government Code  
810-996.6 California Tort Claims Act, especially:  
815 Liability for injuries generally; immunity of public entity  
835 Conditions of liability