ANIMALS AS PART OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

Requests to include animals in the instructional program of the classroom or school shall be approved by the principal. Health issues (allergies, vaccinated status of the animal) involving students and staff shall be addressed before permission is given to allow the animal in the school.

If the instructional program involving the animal is ongoing and the animal will remain at school when school is not in session, appropriate arrangements for the animal's care must be made.

Animals shall not be transported in a school vehicle.

Animals that are part of the instructional program shall be under the control of their adult-owner, the teacher or designated students at all times.

This policy does not apply to service animals for the disabled.

Management Resources: *Policy News*, February 2002, Animals as Part of the Instructional Program

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