

Education Program

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Policy Title: Personal Animals in the School

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Live animals will not be allowed in school district facilities except under special circumstances and only for an educational purpose. Permission from the principal will be required of anyone wishing to bring an animal into school district facilities. Special considerations will be addressed for students with allergies, asthma or who are immunocompromised.

The person bringing the animal must furnish transportation for the animal brought to school. Animals will not be allowed to travel to and from the student's attendance center on the school bus without prior approval from the principal.

It is the responsibility of the principal to determine appropriate supervision of animals in the classroom. This policy is not intended to address the use of service animals, assistive animals, therapy animals or emotional support animals on District property.

If someone is injured by an animal the incident shall be immediately reported to the school nurse and administration. The principal shall notify the appropriate persons.

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Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.8

Cross Reference: 507 Student Health and Well-Being