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*Chisago Lakes ISD #2144
13750 Lake Blvd.
Lindstrom, MN 55045*

540 ANIMALS IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS

To insure the safety of students and community, animals will be allowed in school buildings only with prior approval of building principals or the Community Education Director and in accordance with the *Guidelines & Procedures on Animals* established by the Board of Education.

Guidelines & Procedures on Animals in School Buildings

Chisago Lakes Schools is concerned about the health and safety of every individual that enters a school building in the district. Therefore, the following guidelines have been established by the school district with regard to animals.

1. Animals, either live or dead, will be allowed in school district buildings only if they meet the following criteria:
 - a. air quality needs;
 - b. health needs;
 - c. curriculum goals;
 - d. animal care & sanitation concerns.
2. The processing of large animals domestic or wild will be partnered with local businesses at their facilities.
3. Service animals: Only service dogs and miniature horses will be allowed in school buildings. By definition, a “service animal” must perform certain types of work, such as assisting individuals who have low vision with navigating, alerting deaf individuals to the presence of people or sounds, pulling a wheel chair, or helping people with psychiatric and neurological disability by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors. These animals must be housebroken.
4. The teacher is responsible for:
 - a. notifying the building principal in writing that an animal will be in their classroom;
 - b. the cleanliness, containment, transportation and humane treatment of the animal;
 - c. maintaining a healthy classroom environment that responds to the sensitivity of students & staff with health concerns.
 - d. student hygiene after handling animals;
 - e. notifying parents of the instructional use of animals in the classroom;
 - f. notifying the animal’s owner of the responsibilities and the liabilities of bringing an animal to school.
5. Parents must secure permission from the classroom teacher prior to bringing any animal to school and the classroom teacher must secure permission from the principal.
6. Final authority regarding animals in school buildings rests with the individual building principal.

CHISAGO LAKES ISD #2144
PERMISSION TO INCLUDE ANIMALS IN THE CLASSROOM

(To be completed by the TEACHER)

Teacher: _____

Class: _____

Name of Animal / Classification: _____

Brief description of how you will involve the animal(s) during instructional activities:

Length of time the animal(s) will be housed in the classroom or on school grounds:

History / origin of animal: _____

Plans for the release or disposition of animal(s) after instructional time: _____

Animal handler / owner: _____

I have read and agree to abide by the guidelines for use of animals in the classroom.

Teacher's Signature: _____ Date: _____

(To be completed by the ANIMAL OWNER)

I understand that I am liable for my animal's actions while on school property.

Animal Owner: _____ *Date:* _____

Phone: _____

Homeowner's Insurance Company: _____ *Policy #* _____

Attach copy of current rabies vaccination certificate if applicable.

Approved: <input type="checkbox"/>	Disapproved: <input type="checkbox"/>	_____ <i>Principal's Signature</i>	_____ <i>Date</i>
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Original: Principal

Copy: Bldg Health Office

Copy: Teacher

CHISAGO LAKES ISD #2144
**PARENT PERMISSION FOR STUDENTS
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CARE AND HANDLING OF
ANIMALS IN THE CLASSROOM**

Dear Parents:

In the course of the year, your child may be exposed to the handling and care of animals in the classroom. More specifically, the animal(s) to be included in the instructional process are:

District procedures for the care and safety of your child and the animal have been developed. It is my intent to abide by these guidelines and insure the safety of the children in the classroom, to teach them the proper care and handling of such animals, and to provide hygienic conditions in the classroom. I would like your permission to allow your child to participate in this instructional activity. Please note any health concerns on the permission form, sign the form below and return it to me.

Sincerely,

(Teacher)

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Child's name: _____

As a parent of a child in _____ School, in _____
(teacher's name)

classroom, I give my permission for my child to be exposed to the animals included in that classroom for instructional purposes. I understand that my child will be given proper instructions in the handling and care of the animals.

Health Concerns: _____

Parent/Guardian's *Signature*: _____ Date: _____

Please **print** parent/guardian's name: _____ Phone: _____