

## UNAUTHORIZED ANIMALS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Unauthorized animals are not allowed in school buildings or on posted areas of school grounds. The appropriate town official shall be called to address any violation of this regulation.

Should any person desire to bring an animal on school property while school is in session or while children remain on school property, permission must first be obtained in writing from the school principal. In order for a principal to consider approving such a request, it must be made by a person who has the authority to be on school property and be for either a purpose which is consistent with the school's educational program, or be allowed under state and federal laws governing service animals. The principal has the authority to ban any animal from being brought on to school property when:

1. The purpose for bringing the animal to school is not consistent with the school's educational program, and/or
2. When the specific tasks which a duly trained service animal can perform are not revealed by the owner to the building principal or the specific tasks are not consistent with those identified as appropriate in state and federal statutes or in violation of other pertinent District Policies.

Failure of any person to comply with the posted signs and/or the failure or refusal to obtain prior permission from the principal to bring an animal on to school property shall result in having the non-compliant act reported to the local authorities for prosecution.

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