

Lakeland Joint School District

INSTRUCTION

2580F

Student Permission for Exposure to Animals(s) Form

To be used when animal(s) are brought into the classroom or learning environment for educational purposes.

Student: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Legal Custodian:

As allergies, asthma, immune problems, or other health concerns may make animal contact inappropriate for some students, District guidelines require prior parent/guardian/legal custodian permission for student contact with animal(s) in school.

On (insert date) , the following animal(s) will visit my classroom for educational purposes:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cat | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird | <input type="checkbox"/> Ferret |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guinea Pig | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hamster | <input type="checkbox"/> Reptile or amphibian | <input type="checkbox"/> Rat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Gerbil | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

The following animals are prohibited in schools:

1. Any non-domesticated animal
2. Venomous or toxin-producing animals
3. Any animal with a known history of aggression or behavioral problems
4. Mammals at high-risk for transmitting rabies (e.g., bats, raccoons, skunks, foxes, and coyotes)
5. Stray animals or animals with no health or vaccination history
6. Any animal in the Idaho Invasive Species List

The building principal will ensure the District's policies and procedures for the use of animals in education programs are followed. The teacher will supervise the entire student-animal contact session, have a clean and disinfected area for showing the animal(s), not allow food or drink in the animal showing area, and will appropriately dispose of animal waste. **Under no circumstances are students allowed to clean cages or handle animal waste.**

Please complete and return this form to your child's teacher by _____ (date) _____. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher at (insert contact information).

To Be Completed by Parent/Guardian:

- I **do** permit my student identified above to be exposed to the animal(s) listed above. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the School District and its employees and agents against any claims, except a claim based on willful and wanton conduct, arising out of my student's exposure to the animal(s) listed above.

- I **do not** permit my student identified above to be exposed to the animal(s) listed above. I understand that when the animal(s) listed above are present, my student will be excused from classroom attendance without penalty and given an alternative educational activity.

Parent/Guardian Name (*please print*)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Note: If only one parent/guardian signs this form, you are acknowledging that you have full authority to sign and consent to this Permission Form and Release as an agent of any and all other parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s).