

Use of Animals in Curricular Programs

Procedure for Requesting Interaction With or Use of an Animal

1. Teachers must submit such request to the building principal at least 15 days prior to the activity or event;
2. The written request must include a description of the activity, type of animal, educational purpose/benefit, length of the activity/event, and, if applicable, a plan for care of the animal.

If the building principal approves the activity/event, parents/guardians shall be notified in a timely manner of the activity/event and given an opportunity to opt their child out. Such students will be assigned an alternative activity and shall be treated in a nondiscriminatory manner with regard to grading.

Criteria for Granting or Denying Interaction with or Use of an Animal

1. The principal shall deny all requests that would allow direct contact with poisonous and/or unvaccinated animals, reptiles, or insects.
2. The principal shall deny requests for which there is not an executable and/or comprehensive plan for the animal's care, supervision, sanitation, and/or control.
3. The principal shall consider whether there are any known animal-related allergies among students who will/may be exposed and whether reasonable accommodations can be made.