

Title: Animals in District Facilities or the Classroom

Live animals will not be allowed in school district facilities except under special circumstances and only for an instructional purpose. Permission from the principal will be required of anyone wishing to bring an animal into school district facilities. Appropriate supervision of animals is required when animals are in school district facilities.

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 school 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 and to deny or revoke the approval for health and safety reasons. This policy is not intended to address the use of service animals, assistance animals, therapy animals or emotional support animals on District property.

Cross References:

529, 638

Legal References:

Iowa Code § 279.8

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