ANIMALS AS PART OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

Requests to include animals in the instructional program shall be submitted in writing to the building principal. Prior to granting or denying requests to include animals in the school's instructional program, the principal, in consultation with risk management and the Executive Director of Elementary or Secondary Education, will ensure that the considerations indicated in the corresponding procedure are met. Any known health issues of students and staff will be considered prior to the animal being allowed on campus

If the instructional program involving the animal is ongoing and the animal will remain at school when school is not in session, appropriate arrangements for the animal's care must be made.

Animals will not be transported in an unauthorized school vehicle.

Animals that are part of the instructional program will be under the control of their adult-owner, or the designated staff member at all times.

This policy only applies to animals as part of the instructional program and does not apply to service animals for the disabled or animals as a health accommodation for staff or students.

Cross References: 2030 - Service Animals in Schools
4260 - Use of School Facilities
6500 - Risk Management

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