

Instruction**ANIMALS AT SCHOOL**

The Governing Board recognizes that animals can contribute to the district's instructional program by being effective teaching aids to students and by assisting individuals with disabilities to access district programs and activities. In addition, instruction related to the care and treatment of animals teaches students a sense of responsibility and promotes the humane treatment of living creatures.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop rules and procedures to ensure that when animals are brought to school, the health, safety, and welfare of students, staff, and the animals are protected. However, the district assumes no liability for the safety of animals allowed on district property.

Legal Reference:

State

13 CCR 1216
 Civ. Code 54.1
 Civ. Code 54.2
 Ed. Code 233.5
 Ed. Code 39839
 Ed. Code 51202
 Ed. Code 51540
 Gov. Code 810-996.6
 Gov. Code 815
 Gov. Code 835
 Veh. Code 21113

Federal

20 USC 1400-1482
 28 CFR 35.104
 28 CFR 35.136
 29 USC 794

Management Resources

Court Decision
 CSBA Publication

CSBA Publication
 Federal Register

Website

Description

[Transportation of property](#)
[Access to public places](#)
[Guide, signal, or service dogs; right to accompany](#)
[Teaching of principles](#)
[Transportation of guide dogs, signal dogs, service dogs](#)
[Instruction in personal and public health and safety](#)
[Humane treatment of animals](#)
[Government Claims Act](#)
[Liability for injuries generally; immunity of public entity](#)
[Conditions of liability](#)
[Public grounds](#)

Description

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
 Definitions, auxiliary aids and services
 Service animals
 Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Section 504

Description

Sullivan v. Vallejo City USD, (1990) 731 F.Supp. 947
 Indoor Air Quality: Governing Board Actions for Creating
 Healthy School Environments, Policy Brief, July 2008
 Asthma Management in the Schools, Policy Brief, March 2008
 Rules and Regulations, September 15, 2010, Vol. 75, Number
 178, pages 56164-56236
[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)

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[Humane Society of the United States](#)
[American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals](#)
[U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights](#)

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