



Section 6A: Safe and Inclusive Schools

Policy 6.11: Animals in Schools

Supporting Policies:

[6.11.1 Use of Guide Dogs, Service Dogs, and Service Animals by Students](#)

[6.28.03 Policy for Students with Anaphylaxis](#)

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Supporting Procedures:

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Animals shall only be allowed in schools for teaching purposes with the approval of the Principal or designate (e.g. class pets, specific programming). The Principal or designate who shall ensure that precautions are taken to protect the safety and possible sensitivities/allergies of students and staff as well as the well-being of the animal.

In exceptional circumstances, personal pets of students or staff may only be brought into the school setting for short periods of time to support implementation of the curriculum. In each instance, these circumstances must be approved by the principal or designate, or in the case of a request by the principal, approved by the appropriate supervisory officer.

The presence of an animal shall also be permitted when required to provide assistance to an adult or student with a disability in accordance with the related policy or policies.