

INSTRUCTION

BP 6163.2

Animals At School

The Governing Board recognizes that animals can be an effective teaching aid. 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.

Animals, including pets, may be brought to school for educational purposes, subject to rules and precautions specified in Administrative Regulations 6163.2 and other administrative regulations related to health, safety and sanitation. Teachers shall ensure that these rules and precautions are observed so as to protect both the students and animals. Parents/Guardians shall not bring pets onto school grounds without prior consent, and shall abide by all signage prohibiting a pet's entry.

Seeing-eye dogs and service dogs may accompany students and staff at school as needed. The district assumes no liability for the safety of animals voluntarily brought to school.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 233.5 Instruction in kindness to pets and humane treatment of living creatures
- 51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety
- 51540 Safe and humane treatment of animals at school

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 810-996.6 California Tort Claims Act, especially:
- 815 Liability for injuries generally; immunity of public entity
- 835 Conditions of liability

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