

## ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOLS

Recognizing there are many tools that can be used to provide a variety of productive learning experiences for students, the Board supports the concept of using animals as an educational tool.

Prior to any use of animals in the schools, the administration should contact appropriate organizations or authorities regarding resource materials and suggested learning activities that may be available to help students increase their understanding of the animal world.

All animal use in school buildings is consistent with health and safety policies established by the District. The administration is responsible for developing regulations for the care and control of the animals.

### Service Animals

In compliance with Federal law, the Board permits the use of service animals in the schools for those individuals with qualified disabilities.

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LEGAL REFS.: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; 20 USC 1400 et seq.  
Rehabilitation Act of 1973; 29 USC 794  
Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008; 42 USC 12101 et seq.  
28 CFR 35.136(d)  
ORC Chapter 3323  
Chapter 4112

CROSS REFS.: AC, Nondiscrimination  
ACB, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability  
EBC, Emergency/Safety Plans  
JFG, Interrogations and Searches