

Instruction

Animals at School

The Board of Trustees 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.

(cf. 0410 – Non discrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 6142.4 – Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

(cf. 6159 – Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6164.4 – Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)

(cf. 6164.6 – Identification and Education Under Section 504)

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 members, and the animals are protected. However, the District assumes no liability for the safety of animals allowed on District property.

(cf. 3320 – Claims and Actions Against the District)

(cf. 3530 – Risk Management/Insurance)

(cf. 5q41.21 – Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)

(cf. 5141.23 – Asthma Management)

Seeing-eye dog and service dogs may accompany students and staff at school as needed.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

233.5 Instruction in kindness to pets and humane treatment of living creatures

39839 Transportation of guide dogs, signal dogs, service dogs

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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VEHICLE CODE

21113 Public Grounds

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

1216 Transportation of property

Use of Service Animals by Individuals with Disabilities

UNITES STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE d29

794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.104 Definitions

35.136 Service Animals

COURT DECISIONS

Sullivan v. Vallejo City USD, (1990) 731 F. Supp. 947

Management Resources:

FEDERAL REGISTER

Rules and Regulations, September 15, 2010, Vol. 75, Number 178, pages 56164-56236

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Indoor Air Quality: Governing Board Actions for Creating Healthy School Environments, Policy Brief, July 2008

Asthma Management in the Schools, Policy Brief, March 2998

WEB SITES:

CSBA: www.csba.org

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: www.asPCA.org

Humane Society of the United States: www.hsus.org

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights: www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr

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Policy Revised: September 26, 2005; February 27, 2006; June 18, 2013