

Policy 6163.2: Animals At School

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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.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State

13 CCR 1216

Description

[Transportation of property](#)

Civ. Code 54.1

[Access to public places](#)

Civ. Code 54.2

[Guide, signal, or service dogs; right to accompany](#)

Ed. Code 233.5

[Teaching of principles](#)

Ed. Code 39839

[Transportation of guide dogs, signal dogs, service dogs](#)

Ed. Code 51202

[Instruction in personal and public health and safety](#)

Ed. Code 51540

[Humane treatment of animals](#)

Gov. Code 810-996.6

[Government Claims Act](#)

Gov. Code 815

[Liability for injuries generally; immunity of public entity](#)

Gov. Code 835

[Conditions of liability](#)

Veh. Code 21113

[Public grounds](#)

Federal

20 USC 1400-1482

Description

[Individuals with Disabilities Education Act](#)

28 CFR 35.104

[Definitions, auxiliary aids and services](#)

28 CFR 35.136

[Service animals](#)

29 USC 794

[Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Section 504](#)

Management Resources

	Description
Court Decision	Sullivan v. Vallejo City USD (1990) 731 F.Supp. 947
CSBA Publication	Indoor Air Quality: Governing Board Actions for Creating Healthy School Environments, Policy Brief, July 2008
CSBA Publication	<u>Asthma Management in the Schools, Policy Brief, March 2008</u>
Federal Register	Rules and Regulations, September 15, 2010, Vol. 75, Number 178, pages 56164-56236
Website	<u>CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services</u>
Website	<u>Humane Society of the United States</u>
Website	<u>American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals</u>
Website	<u>CSBA</u>
Website	<u>U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights</u>

Cross References

Code	Description
0410	<u>Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities</u>
3320	<u>Claims And Actions Against The District</u>
3514	<u>Environmental Safety</u>
3514	<u>Environmental Safety</u>
3530	<u>Risk Management/Insurance</u>
3530	<u>Risk Management/Insurance</u>
3541.2	<u>Transportation For Students With Disabilities</u>
5131.1	<u>Bus Conduct</u>
5131.1	<u>Bus Conduct</u>
5141	<u>Health Care And Emergencies</u>
5141	<u>Health Care And Emergencies</u>
5141.21	<u>Administering Medication And Monitoring Health Conditions</u>
5141.21	<u>Administering Medication And Monitoring Health</u>

Conditions

5141.22	<u>Infectious Diseases</u>
5141.22	<u>Infectious Diseases</u>
5141.23	<u>Asthma Management</u>
5141.23	<u>Asthma Management</u>
5142	<u>Safety</u>
5142	<u>Safety</u>
6142.4	<u>Service Learning/Community Service Classes</u>
6159	<u>Individualized Education Program</u>
6159	<u>Individualized Education Program</u>
6164.4	<u>Identification And Evaluation Of Individuals For Special Education</u>
6164.4	<u>Identification And Evaluation Of Individuals For Special Education</u>
6164.6	<u>Identification And Education Under Section 504</u>
6164.6	<u>Identification And Education Under Section 504</u>