

AP 760.2: Animals in Schools

Accommodation of animals in school buildings for educational reasons is permissible, subject to the following:

- a. Approval of the principal indicating the specific period of time.
- b. The teacher shall ensure that no students or staff with allergies or who are fearful of the animal will be adversely affected.
- c. The teacher is responsible for the provision of suitable cages, feeding, cleaning and other duties connected to the accommodation of such animals.
- d. Should, in the opinion of the principal and custodian, hygiene become a factor, approval shall be terminated forthwith.
- e. All animals shall be removed from the schools prior to the winter, spring and summer vacation periods.
- f. Poisonous reptiles or dangerous animals shall not be accommodated in schools.
- g. All dogs must be kept on a leash with a person on the other end of the leash, and under the immediate and effective control of a responsible person on school district property. In the event a dog defecates on school district property, the responsible person in control of the dog must immediately remove and dispose of the defecated matter in a sanitary manner.

Any questions concerning the health of animals should be referred to the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.