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Animals in Schools – 2029

The Board recognizes that animals under some circumstances may have educational value in the school setting. At the same time, adequate provisions must be made for the health, safety, and well-being of students, staff, and the animals.

Prior approval must be received from the principal and the Superintendent or designee will be notified before any animals are brought into school. Animals in schools, or on school district property, shall be planned and approved in accordance with procedures established by the Superintendent.

A service animal will be allowed on school grounds and in school district facilities. The law defines service animal as “any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purposes of this definition. The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the handler’s disability.”

Cross References:

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| Board Policy 3414 | Communicable Disease |
| Board Policy 2162 | Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 |

Legal References:

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| <u>RCW 16.08.040</u> | Dog bites – Liability |
| <u>WAC 246-100-191</u> | Animals, birds, pets – Measures to prevent human disease |
| <u>WAC 246-100-201</u> | Birds – Measures to prevent psittacosis |
| <u>WAC 392-145-015</u> | Transportation – General operating regulations |
| 34 CFR Part 35 | Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government |

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