
AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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ANIMALS IN SCHOOL

Live Animals in the Classroom

Live animals may be used for instructional purposes in the classroom where appropriate.

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Animals may be on school premises in connection with an approved school activity. Animals are allowed to be housed in a classroom for a **specific and appropriate educational purpose** for the time necessary to achieve the educational goal.

Prior to authorizing presence of an animal in the school, the site administrator will ensure:

1. A specific and appropriate educational purpose
2. Effective protection of staff and students. The health effects from exposure to pet allergies, including triggering and/or aggravating asthmatic symptoms and allergic reactions, must be considered before bringing an animal into the classroom
3. Provision of documentation that the animal is in good physical condition and vaccinated against transmittable diseases prior to the animal entering the school site
4. The teacher is responsible for the proper control of animals brought into the classroom for instructional purposes, including the effective protection of students. This includes keeping the animals in appropriate cages or containers. No animal will be allowed free range in any part of the school and/or school grounds
5. When school is not in session, it is the responsibility of the site administrator to ensure animals left at the site have proper care. A copy of the "Animals in School" notification form (exhibit IMG-E) should be on file at the site, with a copy provided to Facilities.

The principal, parent/guardian and Risk Management must be notified immediately if an animal bites an individual or any incident occurs which could have an adverse effect on physical or emotional health of staff, students or community member while on District property.

Animals are not to be transported using District transportation.

When an uncontrolled dog or other animal is discovered on school property, the site administrator should call the Aurora Animal Control.

Service animals are used to assist some individuals with disabilities. The use of service animals is protected by law and is not covered by the rules set forth in this policy. If you believe that the use of such an animal presents a serious risk to someone in the building (e.g. severe allergy), attempt to work with the individual and if necessary consult legal counsel about appropriate action.

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NOTIFICATION FORM

When school is not in session, it is the responsibility of the site administrator to ensure animals left at the site have proper care. Please complete the following annually or more frequently if information changes. Completed forms will be maintained at the site with a copy provided to the district Risk Management Department.

Site: _____

Administrator: _____

Administrator's home phone number: _____

Animal type: _____

Animal location: _____

Responsible party: _____

Home phone number of responsible party: _____

(Attach plan for feeding/cleaning with form)

Signature of Site Administrator: _____

Date: _____