

FAIRFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANIMALS IN THE CLASSROOM

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- 5430.1      Animals may be brought into the classroom for educational purposes.
- 5430.1a.    Animals kept in the classroom may be used in areas which include activities related to interest, handling experience, enrichment, as a reward for contract fulfillment, in addition to a purely academic, subject matter approach, and under conditions which must insure the safety of children and the well being of the animal.
- 5430.2      Animals must be appropriately housed, humanely cared for and handled.
- 5430.2a.    Only the teacher or students designated by the teacher are to handle the animals.
- 5430.2b.    If animals are to be kept in the classroom on days when classes are not in session, the teacher must make arrangements for their care and safety.
- 5430.2c.    Teachers with questions regarding proper care, feeding and handling of animals should contact the science department head and the American Humane Society.
- 5430.2d.    The teacher must assume primary responsibility for the humane proper treatment of any animal in the classroom.
- 5430.3      Persons bringing animals into the school should receive prior permission from the teacher involved and the Principal.
- 5430.3a.    Teachers are to check with the school nurse regarding any known allergies existing among students in the classroom, prior to granting permission. If allergies exist, parents must be contacted for further direction.
- 5430.3b.    Animals are not to be transported on a school bus.

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5430.4 Vivisection and/or experimentation.

5430.4a No vivisection is to be conducted above the level of the common earthworm: phyla annplida.

5430.4b Any and all experimentation with live animals above the level of the common earthworm, phyla annplida, must be authorized by the Principal for experimentation.

5430.5 Injuries to Students

5430.5a If a staff member or student has been bitten by an animal where skin has been pierced, the incident must be reported immediately to the school office by the supervising adult and the pupil taken to the school nurse for care immediately.

(1) The Principal assumes all responsibility to:

Notify public health authorities

Impound the animal for observation

(2) Public health authorities will determine the appropriate term of confinement of the animal and method of observation.