
**LEBANON
Board of Education
POLICY**

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ANIMALS IN THE AGRICULTURAL-SCIENCE PROGRAM AND GENERAL CLASSROOMS

The agricultural science program at Lyman Memorial High School includes a substantial curriculum focus on the care of animals. At times, it may be appropriate for the agricultural science teachers to bring animals to Lyman Memorial High School in order to promote students' understanding and experience with animal care. Likewise, teachers at other grade levels and in other subjects may use animals for instructional purposes.

The Lebanon Board of Education supports the direct involvement of students with live animals as part of their hands-on curricular experiences within the Agricultural Science program or other classes. Precautions should be taken, however, to guarantee the safety and health of students, staff, and the animals themselves. Therefore, certain guidelines as attached must be followed by the staff involved.

Instruction**Animals in the Agricultural Science Classroom and General Classrooms**

Animals may be brought into the classroom for educational purposes. However, they must be appropriately and humanely cared for, and properly handled. Any person who wishes to bring an animal into the classroom must receive prior permission from the Principal. The following guidelines shall apply to animals in schools:

- Prior to granting permission, teachers should check with the school nurse regarding any known allergies among students in the classroom. If allergies exist, parents must be contacted for further direction.
- Animals shall not be transported on school buses.
- Teachers must assume primary responsibility for the humane and proper treatment of any animals in the classroom.
- Only the teacher or students designated by the teacher are to handle the animals.
- If animals are to be kept in the classroom in days when classes are not in session, the teacher must make arrangements for their care and safety.
- Staff members or students who have been bitten by an animal shall report such incident to the Principal and the nurse immediately. The Principal should notify the public health authorities if the injury merits medical follow-up. Public health authorities should determine the appropriate action and period of confinement for an animal if an injury results. Any animal involved in a serious injury must be impounded until authorization for release is granted by health authorities.

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS BRINGING THEIR PETS TO SCHOOL
Lyman Memorial High School Agricultural Science & Technology Center
and General Classroom Use

1. Students must obtain permission from an agricultural science instructor or classroom teacher and the Principal prior to bringing in the animal. Only students with a valid reason will be allowed to bring their pets to school.
2. Students must have parental permission prior to bringing their pet to school. The bottom of this form must be signed by the parent/guardian and turned in to the agricultural instructor or classroom teacher giving permission at least one day before the animal comes in.
3. The student must provide a written proof of up to date rabies vaccination to the instructor at least one day before the animal comes in. This document will be photocopied and the original returned to the student. This documentation will be kept on hand by the instructor. Rabies tags will not be accepted as documentation.
4. Animals under twelve weeks of age are not yet able to receive rabies vaccination and, therefore, will not be allowed into the high school.
5. Animals must be brought in on a leash or in a pet carrier. Animals may not be allowed to roam free.
6. Animals will stay in the animal lab or classroom except for being brought outside to relieve themselves. Animals are not to be anywhere else in the school and must enter and exit through the agricultural area entrance at the high school.
7. Animals brought in will be used for demonstration and/or practice purposes by students.
8. Animals known to be dangerous (such as biters) will not be allowed in. If the teacher feels at any time that the animal is exhibiting dangerous behavior, it is his/her decision to stop student contact with the animal. Wild animals will not be allowed in.
9. Cats will remain caged at all times except while being worked on.
10. Students will be expected to attend all of their regular classes while their animal is visiting. Visits to see the animal may only occur during study halls, between periods, and during lunch and only with the permission of the teacher.

I/we have read the above guidelines and will comply with them. I/we realize any deviation from these guidelines may result in future denials for bringing the pet in.

Student _____ *Date* _____

Parent/Guardian _____ *Date* _____

Teacher _____ *Date* _____

Principal _____ *Date* _____

**LEBANON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE PROGRAM**

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

This Agreement is by and between the Lebanon Public Schools Board of Education (Hereinafter 'Board') and _____ (Hereinafter "Owner")

Witnesseth

WHEREAS, the Board conducts an agricultural science program for public school students in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the Owner is an owner of a horse who is willing to donate the temporary use of such horse for use in the Board's instruction of students; now,

THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and mutual premises herein contained it is agreed as follows:

1. The owner hereby agrees to temporarily allow the Board to use the Owner's horse for the purposes of teaching public school students;
2. The Board agrees to take care of the horse during the time that it is on loan from the Owner;
3. The Owner shall not receive any compensation for the temporary loan of any horse; and
4. The Owner agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Board in the event of any injury or loss, including personal injury, sustained by any student, faculty member or any other person, caused by the Owner's horse or which arises as a consequence of the Owner's horse being used by the Board's education program, or loss of or damage to the horse itself.

Date

Owner

LEBANON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Date

By: _____
Superintendent of Schools