

Live Animals as Part of the Instructional Program

Procedure 2029P

Prior to granting or denying requests to include animals in the school's instructional program, the principal shall evaluate the following issues:

1. Whether there is an educational benefit to be gained by the inclusion of the animal in the instructional program;
2. Whether there is an appropriate plan for the control of the animal, especially for wild or poisonous animals;
3. That any health concerns involving students, staff, or other animals have been thoroughly addressed, for instance, allergies, the vaccination status of the animal, if relevant, or the transmission of disease from the animal;
4. The animal's health, safety, and well-being have been appropriately evaluated; and
5. Sanitary issues have been addressed, including the treatment of animal wastes and the personal hygiene of students or staff who come in contact with the animals.

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Application to Permit Non-Caged Animals in Classroom as Part of the Instructional Program

1. What type of animal are you requesting to bring into your classroom?

2. What is the unit of study and what academic objectives will be met by the presence of the animal in the classroom?

3. Could the animal harm a student or another person? Is it poisonous? Could it bite? Diseases associated with the animal that can be transmitted to students (salmonella, E. coli, etc.)? Preventative measures:

4. How will feeding, cleaning, and handling of the animal be addressed while on school grounds – including hygiene for students and provisions for the bathroom schedule of the animal?

5. How long will the animal be in your classroom?

Beginning Date _____

Ending Date _____

6. Do any of your students have allergies to this animal? How have you documented that all students are free of allergies to this animal?

7. Does this animal have all current vaccinations? _____ Attach documentation for current vaccinations.

Teacher Signature/Date

☐ Approved ☐ Denied

Principal Signature/Date