

Policy 6163.2: Animals At School**Original Adopted Date: 2/14/2024**

The Governing Board recognizes that animals can contribute to the district's instructional program by being effective teaching aids to students and by assisting individuals with disabilities to access district programs and activities. In addition, instruction related to the care and treatment of animals teaches students a sense of responsibility and promotes the humane treatment of living creatures.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop rules and procedures to ensure that when animals are brought to school, the health, safety, and welfare of students, staff, and the animals are protected. However, the district assumes no liability for the safety of animals allowed on district property.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State

13 CCR 1216

Civ. Code 54.1

Civ. Code 54.2

Ed. Code 233.5

Ed. Code 39839

Ed. Code 51202

Ed. Code 51540

Gov. Code 810-996.6

Gov. Code 815

Gov. Code 835

Veh. Code 21113

Description[Transportation of property](#)[Access to public places](#)[Guide, signal, or service dogs; right to accompany](#)[Teaching of principles](#)[Transportation of guide dogs, signal dogs, service dogs](#)[Instruction in personal and public health and safety](#)[Humane treatment of animals](#)[Government Claims Act](#)[Liability for injuries generally; immunity of public entity](#)[Conditions of liability](#)[Public grounds](#)**Federal**

20 USC 1400-1482

28 CFR 35.104

28 CFR 35.136

29 USC 794

Description

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Definitions, auxiliary aids and services

Service animals

Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Section 504

Management Resources

Court Decision

Description

Sullivan v. Vallejo City USD, (1990) 731 F.Supp. 947

CSBA Publication

Indoor Air Quality: Governing Board Actions for Creating Healthy School Environments, Policy Brief, July 2008

CSBA Publication	Asthma Management in the Schools, Policy Brief, March 2008
Federal Register	Rules and Regulations, September 15, 2010, Vol. 75, Number 178, pages 56164-56236
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	Humane Society of the United States
Website	American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Website	CSBA
Website	U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights

Cross References

Code	Description
0410	Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities
3320	Claims And Actions Against The District
3320	Claims And Actions Against The District
3514	Environmental Safety
3514	Environmental Safety
3530	Risk Management/Insurance
3530	Risk Management/Insurance
3541.2	Transportation For Students With Disabilities
5131.1	Bus Conduct
5131.1	Bus Conduct
5141	Health Care And Emergencies
5141	Health Care And Emergencies
5141.21	Administering Medication And Monitoring Health Conditions
5141.21	Administering Medication And Monitoring Health Conditions
5141.22	Infectious Diseases
5141.22	Infectious Diseases
5141.23	Asthma Management
5141.23	Asthma Management
5142	Safety
5142	Safety
6142.4	Service Learning/Community Service Classes
6159	Individualized Education Program
6159	Individualized Education Program

6164.4	<u>Identification And Evaluation Of Individuals For Special Education</u>
6164.4	<u>Identification And Evaluation Of Individuals For Special Education</u>
6164.6	<u>Identification And Education Under Section 504</u>
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