



Provo City School District

Policy Series 4000: Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment

Policy No. 4029

Animals as Part of the Instructional Program

The Provo City School District Board of Education is committed to providing a high quality educational program to all students in a safe and healthy environment. In association with the state risk management agency, guidelines have been provided to ensure a safe environment for students, staff, parents, and visitors.

Educational Program No animal shall be brought to school without prior permission of the building Principal. Use of animals, including classroom pets, to achieve specific curriculum objectives may be allowed by the building Principal provided student health and safety is not jeopardized and the individual requesting that the animal be brought to school is responsible for adhering to the procedure associated with this policy. Principals may establish additional requirements to protect the health and well-being of students. Any domestic animal entering a school building must have proof of an up-to-date rabies vaccine.

Student Health The health and well-being of students is the District's highest priority. Animals may cause an allergic reaction or otherwise impair the health of students. No animals may be brought to school or kept in the school, classroom, office or common area that may negatively impact the health of any student who must utilize that area. Animals that cause an allergic reaction or impair the health of students shall be removed from the school immediately so that no student shall have his/her health impaired and each student shall have full access to available educational opportunities.

The Board directs the superintendent to develop procedures to manage the implementation of this policy.

This policy does not apply to the use of certified service animals to assist the disabled.

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