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POLICY 3211: Animals on School Property

The Board of Education will make every reasonable effort to maintain school grounds in a condition that is safe and appropriate for the activities of students and staff. Pets and other domestic animals may pose a safety risk, and are therefore restricted from being on school property as defined by this policy.

No live domestic animals may be brought into school district buildings or permitted on school grounds, playgrounds or sports fields at any time throughout the calendar year, however, dog owners may walk their pets on a leash on sidewalks used for normal pedestrian traffic around, but not through, school district property. Pet owners are expected to clean up and properly dispose of pet waste.

Exemptions shall be allowed under the following circumstances:

1. Animals under the control of public safety officials shall have unlimited access to district property for exercise, educational, and public relations purposes, or as otherwise permitted by state and federal law.
2. Animals trained and certified to be used as assistance animals, including service animals as may be required by individuals with disabilities, and therapy dogs that have been authorized by the Superintendent of Schools or designee. (See policy 3220)
3. Animals that may be used in the course of study or for educational purposes, subject to advance approval by the building principal. (See policy 8250)

The presence of animals in school buildings or on school property shall be subject to local laws and ordinances pertaining to animal control. A pet owner who allows his/her animal to run freely on school grounds, or who brings or permits his/her animal on school grounds without permission, will be considered to be trespassing and may be reported to law enforcement.