

## Animals in Schools

The Edmonds School District is committed to providing a healthy and safe environment for all students and staff. It is the policy of the Edmonds School District to only allow animals inside district schools, on grounds (during the school day) and in vehicles as defined below.

Animals which will be allowed in and on school property are: service animals and therapy animals which are necessary to support a disability or have been approved by the district; animals that support a district program or curriculum; and turtles (greater than four inches), fish and frogs kept in clean and maintained aquariums. The use of service animals must comply with Edmonds School District Procedure 2030P.

Any animal may be restricted from school property should the animal become aggressive or a nuisance, including service and/or therapy dogs.

No other animals are to access district school buildings; grounds (during the school day); or vehicles with students, parents or staff. These include dogs, cats, chickens, ducks, reptiles and snakes, tarantulas, ferrets, rabbits, gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs, mice, rats, birds, horses and ponies, dead animals, animal parts, and ant farms.

The superintendent shall establish procedures to ensure health and safety for staff and students when animals are brought onto school property.

### References

Washington State Department of Health and Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Health and Safety Guide for K-12 Schools in Washington  
Washington State Department of Health, Office of Environmental Health and Safety and Indoor Air Quality Program, School Indoor Air Quality Best Management Practices Manual

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