

Saratoga USD

Board Policy

Animals At School

BP 6163.2

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that animals can be an effective teaching aid 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 voluntarily brought to school.

Animals, insects and/or reptiles of any kind are not permitted on District property and/or facilities, unless the owner, sponsor, or responsible parties have followed the rules and procedures developed by the Superintendent or designee.

See: AR 6163.2 - Animals at School
AR 6163.20 - Service Animals in Training at School
AR 6163.21 - Non-Service Animals at School
AR 6163.22 - Live Animals at School for Instructional Purposes

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

233.5 Instruction in kindness to pets and humane treatment of living creatures

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

51540 Safe and humane treatment of animals at school

CIVIL CODE

54.1 Access to public places

54.2 Guide, signal, or service dogs, right to accompany

GOVERNMENT CODE

810-996.6 California Tort Claims Act, especially:

815 Liability for injuries generally; immunity of public entity

835 Conditions of liability

VEHICLE CODE

21113 Public grounds

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

7293.6(a) Definitions

7294.0(e) Interactive process
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13
1216 Transportation of property
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29
794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28
35.104 Definitions
35.130 General prohibitions against discrimination
35.136 Service animals
35.139 Direct threat
COURT DECISIONS
Sullivan v. Vallejo City USD, (1990) 731 F.Supp. 947

Management Resources:

FEDERAL REGISTER

Rules and Regulations, September 15, 2010, Vol. 75, Number 178, pages 56164-56236

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

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

Asthma Management in the Schools, Policy Brief, March 2008

WEB SITES:

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: <http://www.asPCA.org> Humane

Society of the United States: <http://www.hsus.org>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>

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