

Animals in District Facilities

1. Purpose

Black Butte School encourages the appropriate and safe inclusion of animals in the instructional program. Most teachers, students and parents agree that animals provide extremely valuable instructional opportunities. These regulations provide information and guidance to school administrators, teachers, staff and parents that will promote a healthy and safe learning environment for students to be exposed to animals at school.

2. General Guidelines

- a. Head teacher must approve all animals visiting the school.
- b. Animals can be displayed in enclosed cages or under appropriate restraint (e.g., leash). Animals are not allowed to roam free in the classroom.
- c. All animals which are brought into school will be clean and free of disease or parasites, including fleas, ticks, and mites.
- d. All animal waste must be disposed of by a staff member using plastic bags and gloves.
- e. No animals are allowed on field trips.
- f. No animals are allowed on the school bus.
- g. Owners assume responsibility for any and all actions of their animal.