

Animals in District Facilities

Animals are generally prohibited on district property.

However, permission may be obtained from the principal before animals are brought into the school for specified educational purposes. Animals must be adequately cared for and appropriately secured. Parents of students will be notified in advance of animals being brought into the classroom. Due to allergies or other concerns, parents may request a student be excused from handling or touching any animal. Only the teacher or students designated by the teacher are to handle the animals.

If animals are to be kept in the classroom on days when classes are not in session, arrangements must be made for their care.

Any unanticipated costs associated with the animal's presence on school property will be the responsibility of the animal's owner (i.e., flea treatments, false alarms, medical bills).

Animals may not be transported on a school bus or in any district vehicles.

Animals serving persons with a disability would be an exception to this policy.

The district follows guidelines developed by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) and the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT) in regards to the inclusion of animals in the K-12 classroom. NSTA supports the decision of science teachers and their school or school district to integrate live animals and dissection in the K-12 classroom.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 346.620](#)
[ORS 659A.400](#)

[OAR 581-053-0010](#)
[OAR 581-053-0230\(9\)\(j\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0330\(1\)\(q\)](#)

[OAR 581-053-0430\(16\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0531\(15\)](#)

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 104 Stat. 327, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq. (2006); 28 CFR §§ 35.104, 35.136 (2006).
Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008.