

# Lake Oswego School District 7J

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## Animals in District Facilities

The Board acknowledges the value of animals in the classroom and at school events as having an integral role in students' academic and emotional growth. Animals in district facilities will be used to serve an educational purpose, which may include, but is not limited to, teaching students the humane treatment of animals.

The Board also recognizes the need for safety and the importance of taking appropriate and reasonable precautions. To ensure student safety in school and on school grounds, a administrator shall be responsible for making decisions about animals on district property. The administrator will notify parents annually of the school's animal practice.

Permission is to be obtained from a administrator or designee before animals are brought into district premises. Animals must be adequately cared for and appropriately secured in school or on school grounds. Animals must be accompanied by an owner or adult designee in a classroom. Students should not handle animals without teacher and owner or designee permission.

Animals may not be transported on school transportation.

Approved assistance guide animals for individual students or individual employees needing these services would be an exception to this policy. Additionally, students who have been accepted to train a guide dog will be allowed to bring guide dogs in training to school and to access district transportation. If medical or safety issues occur as a result of the dog's participation at school, the approval will need to be reconsidered by the administration. Employees will not be allowed to provide guide dog training since their key responsibility is to supervise students without distraction.

END OF POLICY

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### Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 336.067](#)

[ORS 346.620](#)

[OAR 581-053-0010](#)

[OAR 581-053-0015](#)

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