

## Animals in the School

Animals may be brought into the classroom for educational purposes. They must, however, be appropriately housed, humanely cared for and properly handled. Students bringing animals into the school should receive prior permission from the superintendent or designee and teacher. Upon arriving at the school, the animal is the responsibility of the teacher. Animals serving the disabled would be an exception to this policy. The teacher who is using animals for educational purposes should be aware of the following restrictions on animals in the classroom:

1. Animals may not be brought into a classroom if students in the room are allergic to the animal;
2. Animals are not to be transported on school buses;
3. All experiments using live animals must have prior approval of the superintendent or designee;
4. If a staff member or student has been bitten by an animal where skin has been pierced, the incident must be reported immediately to the school office by the supervising teacher. The superintendent or designee is to assume responsibility to notify public health authorities and to impound the animal for observation. Public health authorities will determine the appropriate term of confinement of the animal and method of observation.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 336.067](#)

[ORS 346.620](#)

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[OAR 581-053-0015 \(7\)\(j\)](#)

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