

# Springfield School District 19

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## Animals in District Facilities

Because of potential student and staff health and safety concerns, animals are allowed on school property for two reasons: (1) the animal is a medically identified service animal and (2) the animal in the classroom is a direct extension of the district curriculum.

For service animals, only medically identified animals are allowed on school property. Permission must be obtained from the principal prior to animals being brought into the school. After permission is obtained, animals must be adequately cared for and appropriately secured. Only the teacher or students designated by the teacher are to handle the animals.

For animals that are a direct extension of the district curriculum, it is important that classroom animals be appropriate to the age, maturity and interests of the students. Animals must be housed, fed and maintained in accordance with district administrative regulations, state and local ordinances and public health advisories. If animals are to be kept in the classroom on days when classes are not in session, arrangements must be made for their care.

Animals may not be transported on a school bus.

Animals serving the disabled would be an exception to this policy.

END OF POLICY

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### Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 336.067](#)

[ORS 346.620](#)

[OAR 581-053-0010](#)

[OAR 581-053-0015](#)

[OAR 581-053-0010\(6\)](#)

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[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).