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Animals may be brought into the classroom for educational purposes. However, they must be appropriately housed, humanely cared for, and properly handled. Persons bringing animals into the school should receive prior permission from the principal.

1. Teachers are to check with the school nurse regarding any known allergies existing among students in the classroom prior to granting permission. If allergies exist, parents must be contacted for further direction.
2. Teachers must assume primary responsibility for the humane proper treatment of any animal in the classroom.
3. Only the teacher or students designated by the teacher are to handle the animals.
4. If animals are to be kept in the classroom on days when classes are not in session, the teacher must make arrangements for their care and safety.
5. Teachers with questions regarding proper care, feeding, and handling of animals should contact the appropriate individual likely to have knowledge of appropriate care and treatment of animals.
6. Animals are not to be transported on school buses.
7. 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 adult. Principals are to notify public health authorities and parents, and to have the animals safely segregated from staff and students. Public health authorities will determine the appropriate term of confinement of the animal and method of observation.