

Animals at School

The Board of Education recognizes that animals can contribute to the instructional program by being effective teaching aids to students and by assisting individuals with disabilities to access programs and activities. In addition, instruction related to the care and treatment of animals teaches students a sense of responsibility and promotes the humane treatment of living creatures.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop rules and procedures to ensure that when animals are brought to school, the health, safety, and welfare of students, staff, and the animals are protected. However, the Office of Education assumes no liability for the safety of animals allowed on Office of Education property.

*Legal Reference:**EDUCATION CODE**233.5 Instruction in kindness to pets and humane treatment of living creatures**39839 Transportation of guide dogs, signal dogs, service dogs**51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety**51540 Safe and humane treatment of animals at school**CIVIL CODE**54.1 Access to public places**54.2 Guide, signal, or service dogs, right to accompany**GOVERNMENT CODE**810-996.6 California Tort Claims Act, especially:**815 Liability for injuries generally; immunity of public entity**835 Conditions of liability**VEHICLE CODE**21113 Public grounds**CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13**1216 Transportation of property**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20**1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29**794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504**CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28**35.104 Definitions**35.136 Service animals**COURT DECISIONS**Sullivan v. Vallejo City USD, (1990) 731 F.Supp. 947*