



Huntington Beach Union High School District Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

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Instruction Animals at School

The Board of Education recognizes that animals can be an effective teaching aid, and that animals may perform service functions for students with disabilities. 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.

Animals may be brought to school, with the written permission of a site administrator, only for educational purposes and subject to rules and precautions specified in administrative regulations related to health, safety and sanitation. Site Administrators and teachers shall ensure that these rules and precautions are observed so as to protect both the students and animals.

Other than for educational or special needs assistance purposes, unauthorized animals shall be strictly prohibited from any district site.

The district assumes no liability for the safety of animals voluntarily brought to school.

Legal Reference:

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004

EDUCATION CODE

233.5 Instruction in kindness to pets and humane treatment of living creatures
51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety
51540 Safe and humane treatment of animals at school
39839 Transportation of guide dogs, signal dogs and service dogs

GOVERNMENT CODE

810-996.6 California Tort Claims Act, especially:
815 Liability for injuries generally; immunity of public entity
835 Conditions of liability

Management Resources:

HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES

Catalogue of Publications, 1996
Guidelines for the Study of Animals in Elementary and Secondary School Biology, HE
1079

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