

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 69 (QUALICUM)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

ANIMALS IN SCHOOLS

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The Board of Education believes that animals kept in schools or visiting schools should be for educational purposes only, with the exception of certified assistance dogs.

1. The Principal shall approve all animals that are brought into the schools for educational purposes.
2. Animals shall be housed in suitable, sanitary self-contained enclosures appropriate to the size and characteristics of the animal.
3. Teachers will be responsible for ensuring enclosures are kept in a sanitary condition.
4. Animals shall not be allowed to roam freely in the school.
5. Animals should not be left in schools during holiday periods, and, where practicable, teachers responsible will make arrangements for their care in other locations.
6. When animals are to be kept in the classroom teachers shall ascertain that:
 - a. students and school personnel are not allergic to their presence;
 - b. the animals are free from any diseases or body parasites;
 - c. the animals will present no physical danger to students; and,
 - d. students will be instructed in the proper care and handling of the animal.
7. Staff shall not bring their own household pets into district schools except for educational purposes.