

**Animals in School or on District Grounds  
Board of Education  
Wrightstown Community School District**

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The Wrightstown Community School District recognizes that animals have educational value in the school setting, but only under conditions that insure safety and well-being of the students, staff, and the animal. Animals in the school buildings should always be part of a well-documented curriculum that details how the animal will be integrated into the classroom setting.

Live animals may be brought into the classroom as part of a written curriculum with prior approval of the building principal and providing the provisions of this policy are met. Animals must be in good health and appropriately immunized. Documentation from a Veterinarian is required for each animal. Adherence to guidelines must be followed with respect to having animals present in the school building. The staff member or individual owner must handle and maintain the animal(s) according to recommendations of the Wisconsin Humane Society and the Wisconsin Division of Health.

Animals trained or being trained to assist individuals with disabilities will be allowed in the school buildings provided the health, safety and welfare of students, staff and the animal are not compromised and animal waste guidelines are followed. Modifications may be required to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of all students.

Animals may be excluded in areas where the presence of an animal fundamentally alters the nature of a program or activity or is disruptive. Examples may include, but are not limited to, science labs, areas requiring protective clothing, technical education shops with power equipment and tools, and food preparation areas.

References:           Animals in the Classroom Application  
                              Student Verification Form for Animals in the Classroom  
                              Staff Verification for Animals in the Classroom  
                              Administrative Guidelines  
                              Service Animals in School (#3810)

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