

**Administrative Guidelines  
Animals In Schools or On School Grounds  
Wrightstown Community School District**

1. Animals(s) must be humanely and properly housed in cages, aquariums, etc., specific for the species. Animals cages, aquariums, etc., and the surrounding areas must be meticulously maintained and completely cleaned at least weekly. Animal waste and materials from animal cages, aquariums, etc., will be removed and disposed of in an appropriate manner. Children should not be allowed to handle or clean up any form of animal waste. Waste materials from animals should be bagged separately, sealed and disposed of in an outside waste receptacle.
2. Animal(s) will not be at large in classrooms or in the building. Locate the animal(s) away from the water fountain, sinks where students and staff wash hands. Animal(s) will never be permitted in areas where food is prepared or served.

**Hand washing by staff and students is required after handling animals.**

3. No reptiles or amphibians will be permitted in grades EC through 8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. In grades 9-12, reptiles and amphibians will be permitted, but must be maintained in a science laboratory, or by a person who is very knowledgeable about reptiles and amphibians husbandry and appropriate procedures are put in place for handling the animal and clean up after animal activities.
4. Students may bring pets in for show and tell, unit study, etc. for a limited time. Principal permission must be granted and the owner/parent/guardian must remain with the animal(s) and provide supervision during its entire stay in the classroom. In addition, the Request Form, Student Verification Form and Staff Verification Form must be completed prior to the animal(s) classroom visit.
5. Prohibit students from taking any animal(s) home with them.
6. No animal may be transported on a school bus without the express, written authorization of the appropriate school administrator. This does not apply to animals specially trained to aid disabled persons.

Unacceptable animal(s) in a school building would be:

- Wild or undomesticated animal(s)
- Reptiles /Amphibians except for higher grade level classrooms, grades 9-12.
- Birds such as but not limited to - parrots or parakeets
- Wolf hybrids (cross between wolf and dogs)
- Aggressive Dog Breeds (pit bull, rottweiler, doberman pinscher, etc.)
- Stray animals
- Any dead or skeletal remains of an animal



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Student Verification for Animals in the Classroom Form (AC -2)

The School District recognizes that animals have educational value in the school setting when they are included as part of an educational curriculum. The District also recognizes that the health, safety and welfare of students and staff are paramount. The Board has adopted a policy with regards to animals in school.

As part of this process, a parent/guardian must complete a health form for each student before an animal may be brought into their classroom. (If the health status of your child changes during the year, notify your child's teacher). The parents should also report any known allergies/asthma to the school health office staff. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date form needs to be returned: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Room Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of animal: \_\_\_\_\_

**DOES YOUR CHILD....**

1. Have any known allergies? YES NO

If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Have asthma? YES NO

If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Take medication for allergies or asthma? YES NO

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Have a known allergy to a specific animal? YES NO

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Have or ever had a severe allergic reaction? YES NO

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Have a fear of animals? YES NO

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you give permission for your child to occasionally hold or help care for a classroom animal?

YES NO

If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_