

REGULATION 1070.01R – ANIMALS ON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY

Animals will be permitted on school property in accordance with local municipal bylaws and inside district facilities with the prior written consent of the school principal and in accordance with this regulation. Owners are expected to keep animals on leash and under full control and are responsible for cleaning up after them.

Animals brought to school by classroom teachers, or by students in support of a planned school lesson, may, with the consent of the principal or designee, remain at school for the number of days needed to achieve the educational goals as long as the following conditions are met:

1. Staff and students shall be permitted to bring their own pets/animals into district facilities for educational or therapeutic reasons only.
2. Students wishing to bring their pet to class for “show and tell” will need a parent or guardian to bring the pet to school at the appropriate time, supervise the viewing, and take the pet home immediately afterward.
3. Animals brought to school by students shall generally be taken home that same day.
4. Animals must appear to be in good physical condition and free of disease.
5. Teachers who allow animals into their classroom shall provide a plan for the proper care, sanitation, feeding and handling of the animal. The teacher shall be responsible for the animal’s care and cleaning in the event of any school closure and may allow students to take animals home with written parental permission.
6. The teacher shall be familiar with any potential dangers caused by the animal, including air quality dangers, and shall give special consideration to any students who have allergies to certain animals. It is the responsibility of the teacher to inform TTOC’s and other staff of these potential dangers.
7. No animal shall be allowed on school property if the animal is not legal in the province of B.C.
8. Students shall not bring venomous or wild animals to school.
9. Animals must be on leash or appropriately and safely housed in a cage or aquarium.
10. Animals that are involved in a serious incident such as biting or indoor soiling while on School District property will be permanently banned from all school district sites. The incident and resulting ban will be communicated to other school district sites as appropriate.

Allergies

If it is determined that the animal constitutes a health risk or if a student or a staff member suffers from an allergy that is aggravated by the presence of the animal, the animal must be removed immediately.

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If an animal is to be kept on school premises for an extended period of time, parents shall be notified in advance in writing. The notice shall include a description of the educational benefit of having the animal on site, and shall include a statement that if any parent disagrees with the animal being brought on site, the animal will not be allowed on school premises.

The Pacific Assistant Dogs Society (PADS) may be permitted to use school sites to facilitate training activities with the school principal's approval and given full adherence to the above.

This regulation shall not prohibit the appropriate use of legally designated service animals. Certified guide/service dogs are exempt from this regulation as under the *BC Human Rights Code* individuals are protected from discrimination on the basis of a disability.