

Business and Non-Instructional Operations

The Governing Board recognizes that animals contribute to the District's instructional program by being effective teaching aids to students and by assisting individuals with disabilities to access District programs and activities. 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.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop rules and procedures to ensure that when animals are brought to school for instructional purposes or as service or therapy animals, the health, safety, and welfare of students, staff, and the animals are protected. The District assumes no liability for the safety of animals allowed on District property. Animals, insects, and/or reptiles of any kind are not permitted on District property and/or facilities, unless the owner, sponsor, or responsible parties have followed the rules and procedures developed by the Superintendent or designee.

Legal Reference:**CIVIL CODE**

- 54.1 Access to public places
- 54.2 Guide, signal, or service dogs; right to accompany

EDUCATION CODE

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

GOVERNMENT CODE

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

VEHICLE CODE

- 21113 Public grounds

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

- 1216 Transportation of property

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

- 1400 – 1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.104 Definitions

35.136 Service Animals

COURT DECISIONS

Sullivan v. Vallejo City USD, (1990) 731 F.Supp. 947

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Indoor Air Quality: Governing Board Actions for Creating Healthy School Environments

Policy Brief, July 2008

Asthma Management in the Schools, Policy Brief, March 2008

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