

P7045 RESPONSIBLE USE OF ANIMALS IN THE CLASSROOM

BOARD POLICY:

Building staff involved in the use of live animals in schools, including their acquisition & disposition, care and feeding, & housing and security, will adhere to local and state laws and regulations regarding animals. In addition to instructional activities, this includes class pets, exhibited visiting animals, and assist or therapy animals. Building staff will be responsible for instructing students on safety and hygiene precautions for handling live animals or animal specimens. The building principal is responsible for the implementation of this policy.

Administrative Implemental Procedures:

1. Building staff are to follow procedures established in the document, *Wichita Public Schools: Guidelines for Visiting and Resident Pets*.
2. The document, *Wichita Public Schools: Guidelines for Visiting and Resident Pets*, will be revised periodically by a committee composed of representatives from Human Resources, Environmental Services, Department of Learning Services, and Student Support Services.
3. Requests for information regarding the procedures established in the *Wichita Public Schools: Guidelines for Visiting and Resident Pets* should be directed to the Director of Environmental Services.
4. Any concerns regarding this policy and the corresponding *Administrative Implemental Procedures* shall be first directed to the site administrator followed by the appropriate assistant superintendent.

Board counsel has approved this policy as to legal form and content.

Administrative Responsibility: Facilities Division - Environmental Services

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