

Procedure Animals as Part of the Instructional Program

Prior to granting or denying requests to include animals in the school's instructional program the principal will evaluate the following issues:

- A. Whether there is an educational benefit to be gained by the inclusion of the animal in the instructional program;
- B. Whether there is an appropriate plan for the control of the animal.
- C. Wild or poisonous animal are not permitted on school property.
- D. That any health concerns involving students, staff or other animals have been thoroughly addressed, e.g. allergies, the vaccination status of the animal, or the transmission of disease from the animal;
- E. The animal's health, safety and well-being have been appropriately evaluated; and
- F. Sanitary issues have been addressed, including the treatment of animal wastes and the personal hygiene of students or staff who will come in contact with the animals.
- G. Animals intended for recreational or "comfort" activities which are not an integral part of the instructional program are not permitted on school property during school hours.

Revised Dates: **02.02; 12.11; 11.15**