

Policy 6163.2: Animals At School

Status: ADOPTED

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The Board of Trustees recognizes that animals can contribute to California School of the Arts - San Gabriel Valley's instructional program by being effective teaching aids to students and by assisting individuals with disabilities to access CSArts-SGV 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 Principal or designee shall develop rules and procedures to ensure that when animals are brought to school, the health, safety, and welfare of students, staff, and the animals are protected. However, CSArts-SGV assumes no liability for the safety of animals allowed on school property.

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the Governing Board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State

13 CCR 1216
Civ. Code 54.1
Civ. Code 54.2
Ed. Code 233.5
Ed. Code 39839
Ed. Code 51202
Ed. Code 51540
Gov. Code 810-996.6
Gov. Code 815
Gov. Code 835
Veh. Code 21113

Description

[Transportation of property](#)
[Access to public places](#)
[Guide, signal, or service dogs; right to accompany](#)
[Teaching of principles](#)
[Transportation of guide dogs, signal dogs, service dogs](#)
[Instruction in personal and public health and safety](#)
[Humane treatment of animals](#)
[Government Claims Act](#)
[Liability for injuries generally; immunity of public entity](#)
[Conditions of liability](#)
[Public grounds](#)

Federal

20 USC 1400-1482
28 CFR 35.104
28 CFR 35.136
29 USC 794

Description

[Individuals with Disabilities Education Act](#)
[Definitions, auxiliary aids and services](#)
[Service animals](#)
[Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Section 504](#)

Management Resources

Court Decision
CSBA Publication
CSBA Publication
Federal Register
Website

Description

[Sullivan v. Vallejo City USD \(1990\) 731 F.Supp. 947](#)
[Indoor Air Quality: Governing Board Actions for Creating Healthy School Environments, Policy Brief, July 2008](#)
[Asthma Management in the Schools, Policy Brief, March 2008](#)
[Rules and Regulations, September 15, 2010, Vol. 75, Number 178, pages 56164-56236](#)
[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)

Management Resources

Website

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[Humane Society of the United States](#)

[American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals](#)

[CSBA](#)

[U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights](#)