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**SUBJECT: ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOLS (INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES)**

Observation and experimentation with living organisms and animals gives students unique perspectives of life processes. Animals and animal materials should be used respectfully and for the purpose of meeting course objectives.

The Board of Education, in recognizing the educational uses of animals in the classroom, requires that permission be obtained from the Building Principal before animals are brought into the school or classrooms. It is the Principal's responsibility to ensure that there is an appropriate educational purpose if any animal is housed in a classroom.

The district will give reasonable notice to all students enrolled in a course that includes the dissection of an animal and students' parents or legal guardians about their rights to substantiate their child's moral or religious objection to witnessing or performing the dissection of an animal. Such notice shall be made available upon request at the school and distributed to parents and students enrolled in a course that includes dissection at least at the beginning of the school year.

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