

## **Instruction**

### **Instructional Resources for Students — Live Animals in the Classroom**

Students shall not bring any live animal, whether pet or wild, to any classroom without prior consent of the teacher and the Principal, in order to protect both the animal and the student. When approved, the animal's stay shall be limited to a short visit.

Generally, domestic pets shall be allowed to visit the school. However, proof of licensure and appropriate vaccination must be provided in the case of dogs and cats. Wild mammals will not be allowed in school.

Teachers may bring and maintain goldfish or tropical fish in suitable bowls or tanks, but turtles, birds, snakes, or other animals which might present a health hazard shall not be allowed without the approval of the Principal — and then only for class observation and study for a limited period of time. The teacher must provide for or cause for the care of animals during vacation periods.

For science study, teachers may have animals such as rats, mice, and frogs housed in appropriate facilities. Utmost care shall be taken to prevent accident and/or unnecessary suffering to the animals.

At any time animals are allowed into the classroom room, parents will be notified a minimum of 48 hours in advance.

Seeing eye (guide), hearing and service dogs are permitted on school buses and in school facilities to perform the functions for which they are trained. Such animal must wear a "harness or an orange colored leash and collar which marks it readily identifiable as a guide dog" that is licensed. Fees can not be assessed due to the presence of the dog, but if the dog causes any damage to the premises, the dog user or his/her parents/guardians are liable.

#### **Legal References:**

cf. 6161.32 Service Animals  
CGS 46a-42 Mobility Impaired Person  
46a-44 through 46a-64 Public Accommodations and Transportation  
American Disability Act of 1989

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