

**CHILDREN, ~~AND~~ ANIMALS, AND VISITORS IN THE WORKPLACE**

To avoid disruptions to the employee and coworkers, potential distractions in serving members of the community, and to reduce personal and property liability, employees ~~are forbidden to~~ **shall not** bring children and/or animals to the workplace, and are limited in having family and friends visit. This policy is intended to address the presence of children and animals while the employee is on duty and does not include official functions or activities promoted by the District which may allow children and/or animals.

Supervisors may grant a temporary exception to the rule prohibiting children in the workplace, not to exceed one workday, to accommodate the employee. If an exception is granted, it is the responsibility of the employee to supervise and control the movements and behavior of the ~~if~~ child. It is not acceptable to request an accommodation to bring sick children into the workplace.

The District understands that an occasion may arise when an employee receives a visit from a family member or friend during working hours and may allow such visits, providing they are short in duration and not disruptive to students, other employees, or the public.

This policy does not apply to employees whose service animal has been approved by the District as a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please refer to Lyon County School District Board Policy EA: Service Animals for laws, procedures, and guidelines regarding this.