

Exhibit – Student Permission for Exposure to Animals (NEW)

To be used when animal(s) are brought into the classroom or learning center for educational purposes.

Student: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As allergies, asthma, immune challenges, and/or other health needs may make animal contact inappropriate for some students, District guidelines require prior parent/guardian permission for student contact with animal(s) in school.

On (insert date) , the following animal(s) will visit my classroom for educational purposes:

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| ☐ Cat | ☐ Bird | ☐ Ferret | ☐ Guinea Pig |
| ☐ Dog | ☐ Rabbit | ☐ Hamster | ☐ Reptile or amphibian |
| ☐ Rat | ☐ Mouse | ☐ Gerbil | ☐ Other _____ |

The following animals are prohibited in schools: venomous or toxin-producing animals (e.g., certain spiders, insects, reptiles, and amphibians), wild or exotic animals, mammals at high-risk for transmitting rabies (e.g., bats, raccoons, skunks, foxes, and coyotes), non-human primates, stray animals, or aggressive/unpredictable animals.

The Building Principal or designee will ensure that the *District's Guidelines for Using Animals in School Facilities for Educational Purposes*, 6.100-AP2, are followed. You may find these *Guidelines* in the school office. I will also supervise the entire student-animal contact session, have a clean and disinfected area for showing the animal(s), not allow food or drink in the animal showing area, and appropriately dispose of animal waste. **Under no circumstances are students allowed to clean cages or handle animal waste.**

Please complete and return this form to me by (insert date) . If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (insert contact information) .

To Be Completed by Parent/Guardian:

- ☐ I **do** permit my child identified above to be exposed to the animal(s) listed above. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the School District and its employees and agents against any claims, except a claim based on willful and wanton conduct, arising out of my child's exposure to the animal(s) listed above.
- ☐ I **do not** permit my child identified above to be exposed to the animal(s) listed above. I understand that when the animal(s) listed above are present, my child will be excused from classroom attendance without penalty and given an alternative educational activity.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Adopted:
Reviewed: October 2026
Amended: