

**POLICY TITLE: Use of Animal in Educational Programs –  
Exposure to Animals**

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**Minidoka County Joint School District # 331**

Student Permission for Exposure to Animals(s)

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 problems, and/or other health concerns 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:

<input type="checkbox"/> Cat	<input type="checkbox"/> Bird	<input type="checkbox"/> Ferret
<input type="checkbox"/> Guinea Pig	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Rabbit
<input type="checkbox"/> Hamster	<input type="checkbox"/> Reptile or amphibian	<input type="checkbox"/> Rat
<input type="checkbox"/> Mouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Gerbil	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

The following animals are prohibited in schools:

1. Venomous or toxin-producing animals (e.g., certain spiders, insects, reptiles, and amphibians);
2. Wild or exotic animals;
3. Mammals at high-risk for transmitting rabies (e.g., bats, raccoons, skunks, foxes, and coyotes);
4. Non-human primates;
5. Stray animals;
6. Aggressive or unpredictable animals;
7. Any animal in the Idaho Invasive Species List; and
8. Any animal considered inherently dangerous.

The building principal or designee will ensure that the District's policies and procedures for the use of animals in education programs are followed. 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 will 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 student 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 student's exposure to the animal(s) listed above.

I **do not** permit my student identified above to be exposed to the animal(s) listed above. I understand that when the animal(s) listed above are present, my student will be excused from classroom attendance without penalty and given an alternative educational activity.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (*please print*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (*please print*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Note: If only one parent/guardian signs this form, please certify the following:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian), have full authority to sign and consent to this Permission Form and Release as an agent of any and all other parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s).

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