

Minidoka County Joint School District #331

INSTRUCTION

2580F3

Student Permission for Exposure to Animals(s) in Agriculture Education Programs

To be used in all agriculture science courses at the beginning of each course.

Student: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Live animals are an integral part of our Agriculture Science curriculum throughout the entire course, the list of animals that may reside and / or visit the classroom may include but is not limited to the following.

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| <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"/> Chickens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkeys | <input type="checkbox"/> Cows | <input type="checkbox"/> Horses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goats | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep | <input type="checkbox"/> Pigs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Llamas | <input type="checkbox"/> Alpacas | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

The following animals are prohibited in schools and will not be allowed in agricultural classrooms:

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.

Students and parent(s)/guardian(s) need to be aware that animals will be handled in an appropriate manner and students will be taught safe behaviors and handling techniques. Human behaviors likely to provoke a dangerous reaction from the animals will not be tolerated in any agricultural classroom for any reason. Examples include, but are not limited to: screaming, rough handling, running, quick and unpredictable movement, and inattentiveness. Any unsafe behavior

by the student will be grounds for immediate removal from the activity and a resulting incomplete grade for participation and completion of the laboratory experience
The building principal or designee will ensure that the District's policies and the following procedures for the use of animals in agricultural education programs are followed.

- Supervision will be provided for the entire student-animal contact session.
- A clean area for showing the animal(s) will be maintained.
- No food or drink will be allowed in the animal area.
- Students will be taught appropriate animal waste control will appropriately dispose of animal waste.
- Students will be expected to help care for the animals in the classroom, including waste disposal and cleaning and disinfecting animal housing areas.
- All students will be required to wash their hands and use sanitizer following each animal handling session.

Please complete and return this form to the teacher by (date) . If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact (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 permit my student identified above to be exposed to the animal(s) listed above with the following exceptions:

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.

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).
