

Dover-Eyota Public Schools Policy 931**931 ANIMALS IN SCHOOL FACILITIES OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS****I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to communicate to students, staff members and parents the parameters and restrictions regarding animals being on school property and the process for gaining approval to bring an animal onto school property for educational purposes.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of the school district for animals not to be brought onto school property without a valid educational purpose and benefit. Animals may not be on school property unless the individual or group wanting to bring the animal has complied with the process to gain approval and has been granted approval by the responsible administrator.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. *The term “animal” shall refer to any animal, including mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, or insects.*
- B. *The term “school property” shall refer to any building, facility, vehicle, or grounds owned by the school district.*
- C. *The term “administrator” shall refer the building principal, superintendent, or designee thereof.*

IV. PROCEDURES

- A. *Any person who wants to bring an animal onto school property must make a request in advance and in writing, using the form attached to this policy, to the administrator responsible for the school property onto which the individual or group wants to bring the animal.*
- B. *The administrator will evaluate the written request and make a determination to approve or not approve the request based on the educational purpose, safety considerations, and the willingness and ability of the person bringing the animal to comply with the parameters listed in section IV. C. below.*
- C. *If the administrator approves the request, he or she will also establish and communicate the parameters under which the animal may be brought onto school property, including but not limited to: who will bring the animal; who will be in control of the animal while it is on school property; where the animal is allowed and not allowed to go on school property; how long the animal will stay on school property; how the animal will be used on school property.*

Cross Reference:

Dover-Eyota Public Schools Policy 930 Therapy Dogs