

Instruction

Exhibit - Student Permission for Exposure to Animals

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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| <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: 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* 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