

ANIMALS ON CAMPUS

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- I. Animals may be allowed on a school campus under the following conditions:
 - A. The presence of the animal(s) is related to the curriculum and significantly contributes to the instructional program.
 - B. The animal(s) does not present a danger to students or staff.
 - C. The animal is kept in an appropriate cage or container or on a leash or other restraint.
 - D. The length of time the animal(s) may be on campus is specifically designated. Animals shall not remain on the premises of a school during periods when such school is not in session, unless adequate care is provided for such animals.
 - E. Animals are housed and cared for in a humane and safe manner.
 - F. The principal has approved the presence of the animal(s) on campus.
- II. Parents shall be notified in advance that an animal(s) will be in the classroom or will be part of a class activity.
- III. Any experiment involving an animal shall be under the supervision of a qualified teacher or expert in the field.
- IV. The principal or designee shall be responsible for contacting local animal control authorities if any wild or stray animal(s) are found in a school building or on the school campus.
- V. This policy does not apply to law enforcement canine units or approved assistance and therapy animals.
- VI. School personnel shall follow the *“Sarasota Guidelines for Visiting/Resident Animals in the Classroom”* for having animals on campus.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.

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NOTES:
Refer to: *Sarasota Guidelines for Visiting/Resident Animals in the Classroom*