

ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOL

The M.S.A.D. #56 School Board believes that animals can be used as a valuable teaching tool in certain situations. However, due to potential health and safety issues involving certain students and staff members, the school board realizes that limitations must be placed upon animals being brought into our schools.

As a general rule, fur bearing and feathered animals may only be brought to school with the permission of the principal and upon proof of immunizations. Before granting permission, the principal must consult with the school nurse to ensure that all students' health needs are considered. If the school is not sure how specific animals could impact a given student, then parental contact should be made by the school nurse or principal.

In order to meet the health needs of students who have allergies or other health conditions, the school nurse must provide ongoing written communication with appropriate staff members concerning the specific limitations and conditions of these students.

Individuals with disabilities will be permitted to have "seeing eye dogs" as required.

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