

Proposed Revisions to Board Policy 6163.2 Animals in School

The Governing Board recognizes that animals can ~~be an effective teaching aid~~ **contribute to the district's instructional program by being effective teaching aids to students and by assisting individuals with disabilities to access district programs and activities.** In addition, instruction related to the care and treatment of animals teaches students a sense of responsibility and promotes the humane treatment of living creatures.

~~Animals may be brought to school for educational purposes, subject to rules and precautions specified in administrative regulations related to health, safety and sanitation. Teachers shall ensure that these rules and precautions are observed so as to protect both the students and animals.~~

~~Seeing-eye dogs and service dogs may accompany students and staff at school as needed.~~

The Superintendent or designee shall develop rules and procedures to ensure that when animals are brought to school, the health, safety, and welfare of students, staff, and the animals are protected. However, the district assumes no liability for the safety of animals allowed on district property.

Policy MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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