

Animals in the Classroom

Goal: To maximize air quality and to limit exposure to animals which may cause allergic reactions to individuals with inhalant and/or contact allergies or asthma.

Criteria: All animals either visiting, or resident (those that are to be kept in a classroom) must be approved by the building principal.

Requirements:

Resident animals:

1. Limited to those known not to cause reactions (eg. goldfish, tropical fish)
2. Container must be cleaned regularly.

Visiting animals:

Special attention must be applied by the teacher to assure that there are no known students who are allergic to the particular visiting animal(s).

1. Children may not hold or handle animals, but they may touch them if closely supervised by the teacher or animal's owner.
2. Animals must be up to date with their immunizations.
3. Animals brought inside the school must be contained and/or restrained. All other animals will be observed outside.

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