

550 ANIMALS IN SCHOOLS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for animals being brought into schools.

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II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Board encourages the use of outside resource material to enhance educational experiences for children. Administrative guidelines on the use of animals in the classroom will be established at the various levels of instruction and with the welfare of the pupil in mind.

Before any animal is brought to school, the conditions shall be established by the teacher and the building principal who shall also assume the responsibility of supervision of these conditions. An integral part of the educational unit shall be the humane treatment of the animals.

Larger animals to be used should have a disease clearance by a veterinarian.