

SERIES 300 - INSTRUCTION

Miscellaneous Instructional Policies – 380

Animals in the School (383)

The Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton Board of Education promotes and advocates student exposure to animals when done under careful and appropriate supervision. The following is a list of appropriate conditions, times and manners when animals may be allowed in the school.

- Show and Tell times in the elementary school under supervision of the child's parent(s)/guardian. Approval of the classroom teacher is needed prior to bringing the animal to school.
- Staff bringing in animals for one day for an educational resource to a lesson. Approval of the Building Principal is needed prior to bringing the animal to school.
- Special events by organizations with prior approval of the Building Principal.
- Any other reasonable short-term visit with prior approval of the Building Principal.

Teachers will be allowed to have fish in fish tanks in their classrooms or a domestic bird with prior approval of the Building Principal.

Any animal deemed by administration as dangerous to the health, safety and welfare of the students and staff of the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District, or distracting to the educational process will not be allowed at anytime on school grounds.

Legal Reference:

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