

## CHAPTER 3.00: SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

### ANIMALS ON CAMPUS

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- I. Animals may be allowed on a school campus under the following conditions:
  - A. The presence of the animal(s) is related to the curriculum and significantly contributes to the instructional program.
  - B. The animal(s) does not present a danger to students or staff.
  - C. The animal is kept in an appropriate cage or container or on a leash or other restraint.
  - D. The length of time the animal(s) may be on campus is specifically designated.
  - E. Animals are housed and cared for in a humane manner.
  - F. The principal has approved the presence of the animal(s) on campus.
- II. Parents shall be notified in advance that an animal(s) will be in the classroom or will be part of a class activity.
- III. Any experiment involving an animal shall be under the supervision of a qualified teacher or expert in the field.
- IV. The principal or designee shall be responsible for contacting local animal control authorities if any wild or stray animal(s) are found in a school building or on the school campus.
- V. This policy does not apply to law enforcement canine units or approved assistance and therapy animals.
- VI. School personnel shall follow the “Sarasota Guidelines for Visiting/Resident Animals in the Classroom” for having animals on campus.

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