

ANIMALS ON DISTRICT PROPERTY

The Issaquah School District limits animal access to its buildings and property to the purposes specified in this policy to maintain air quality; to provide a healthy, safe, respectful environment for all people who may use the public space; and to preserve the general cleanliness and condition of facilities. An “animal” is a living, non-human mammal, reptile, insect, bird, fish, or amphibian.

Animal access is allowed on District property if one of the following conditions is met:

1. The animal serves as an aid specific to an individual who has a documented need for an accommodation from a qualified provider. In such cases, the animal owner/handler must notify the Executive Director of Personnel Services, who will grant accommodation in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and all other national and state law.
2. The animal is an instructional support to a classroom lesson outlined in District-adopted curriculum, and its presence provides an educational benefit.
3. District staff members are complying with law-enforcement or other government emergency-service agencies.
4. Exceptions to this policy may be requested and granted as specified in the Animals on District Property Procedures.

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