ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOL

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	135. ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOL
1. Purpose	Animals may be brought into the classroom for educational purposes. However, they must be appropriately housed, humanely cared for, and properly handled.
2. Guidelines	Persons bringing animals into the school must have prior permission from the building principal. Teachers are to check with the school nurse regarding any known allergies existing among students in the classroom. If allergies exist, parents/guardians may be contacted for further direction and written permission must be given by the parents/guardians for a child's participation in activities involving animals. Animals are not to be transported on school buses. Any student bringing an animal to school must be transported to and from school by his/her parent/guardian. All studies or experiments using live animals must have prior approval by the building principal or designee and must follow established guidelines of humane treatment. If any injury occurs to a staff member or a student, the incident must be reported immediately to the nurse/school office by the supervising adult. Any animal known to pose a health or safety hazard will not be permitted on school property. A description of proper care, precautions, and/or handling procedures will be clearly posted in classrooms housing animals. Any exceptions to this policy must be approved by the building principal.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	Teachers must assume primary responsibility for the proper treatment of any animal in the classroom. If animals are to be kept in the classroom on days when classes are not in session, arrangements for their care and safety are the responsibility of the teacher and are subject to approval by the building principal.

	References: School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510