
ANIMALS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Board of Education will make every reasonable effort to maintain and ensure that school grounds are in a condition appropriate for the activities of its students.

Pet or other domesticated animals are therefore not permitted in District Facilities except by the express written permission of the Building Principal, which must be obtained at three days in advance. In addition, pet or other domesticated animals are not permitted on District grounds during student arrival, school hours and student dismissal..

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any service dog or other animal that is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, or is provided for in a student's Individual Educations Plan ("IEP"), Section 504 Accommodation Plan and/or other similarly developed academic plan are not subject to the prohibition in this Policy.

Without the advanced written permission of the Building Principal, a pet/animal owner who violates the provision above by bringing or permitting his/her animal on District grounds (during the times noted above) or within District facilities has committed an act of trespass. In addition, if an animal is found running at large on school grounds (during the time frame noted above), its owner will be deemed to have permitted the animal to enter District property without permission and committed an act of trespass.

Further, any owner or keeper of an animal who at any time allows such animal to soil, defile, defecate on or deposit excrement or feces upon any such place shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalty prescribed by General Penalty, Section 1.1-6 of the Revised Township Ordinances (Am. 06-21-90, sec. 2, 03-05-98, Am. 07-15-99).

The Board directs the Building Principal or his/her designee to give notice regarding the prohibition of pets/animals by posting appropriate signs on District property and within District facilities. The Building Principal or his/her designee will report to the Pennsville Police Department and/or the animal control officer any pet/animal that runs at large on District property, as well as any pet/animal owner whose animal is present on school property is in violation of this Policy.

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Legal References

N.J.S.A. 2C:18-3	Unlicensed Entry of Structures, defiant trespasser, peering into dwelling places; defenses.
N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq.	Law Against Discrimination
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1</u>	General mandatory powers and duties
N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-17	Facilities for handicapped persons
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:20-34</u>	Use of schoolhouse and grounds for various purposes
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:36-20</u>	Discrimination; prohibition
29 U.S.C.A. 794 et seq.	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Act
42 U.S.C.A. 12101 et seq.	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
20 U.S.C.A. 1401	Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement

General Penalty, Section 1.1-6 of the Revised Township Ordinances (Am. 06-21-90, sec. 2, 03-05-98, Am. 07-15-99).