

Instruction

Using Animals in the Educational Program

Animals may be brought into school facilities for educational purposes according to procedures developed by the Superintendent assuring: (a) the animal is appropriately housed, humanely cared for, and properly handled, and (b) students will not be exposed to a dangerous animal or an unhealthy environment.

Animal Experiments

Experiments on living animals are prohibited; however, behavior studies that do not impair an animal's health or safety ~~of an animal~~ are permissible.

Animal Dissection

The dissection of dead animals or parts of dead animals shall be allowed in the classroom only when the dissection exercise contributes to or is a part of an illustration of pertinent study materials. -All dissection of animals shall be confined to the classroom and must comply with the School Code.

Students who object to performing, participating in, or observing the ~~dissections~~dissection of animals are excused from classroom attendance without penalty during times when such activities are taking place. -No student will be penalized or disciplined for refusing to perform, participate in, or observe a dissection. -The Superintendent or designee shall inform students of: (1) their right to refrain from performing, participating in, or observing dissection, and (2) which courses contain a dissection unit and which of those courses offers an alternative project.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/2-3.122, 5/27-14, and 112/.

CROSS REF.: 6:40 (Curriculum Development)

ADMIN. PROC.: 6:120-AP3 (Service Animal Access Requests), 6:120-~~E4~~AP3, E1 (Request for a Service Animal to Accompany a Student in School Facilities)

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