

ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOLS

The Board of Education recognizes that the study of living things is essential to effective instruction in the life sciences.

Before a student brings an animal to school, planning with the classroom teacher/s involved must take place. Animals are not to be transported on the schools transportation equipment. Proper care and protection must be afforded any animals brought to school.

If any student in a particular class is allergic to animals or has a particular phobia about certain animals, all steps must be taken to insure that the student is not exposed to an animal in school.

The Superintendent of Schools shall contact the local game warden or SPCA for the removal of any animals from the school property that are a nuisance to the students and staff.

Ref: Education Law '809
Guidelines for the Use of Vertebrate Animals in
Elementary and Secondary Programs of New York State,
State Education Department Syllabus