

ANIMALS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

It is the intent of the Gloucester County School Board to provide a safe and healthy environment for school sponsored activities and for community events and activities that take place on school property. For the safety and well-being of students, no person shall be permitted to bring any animal onto school property at any time, except when:

- a. The animal is a service animal assisting a person with a disability or being trained specifically for that purpose, or
- b. The animal is being used for instructional purposes in the classroom in accordance with School Board policy, or
- c. The animal is being used in conjunction with a canine search, or
- d. In compliance with Federal law, the animal is being brought in because of emergency situations.
- e. With principal's approval, the animal is being used for a school or community sponsored event.

The principal or his/her designee has the authority to direct any person bringing an animal onto school property in violation of this policy to remove the animal.

In the event that the person refuses to remove the animal or leave the premises, the principal or his/her designee may request the assistance of local law enforcement authorities.

The Division Superintendent or his/her designee will be responsible for providing notice of this policy by posting signs at the entrances to school property and/or by such other means as he/she deems appropriate.

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CROSS REFERENCES: KKA Service Animals in Public Schools