Policy Title: Animals on Campus, State Schools

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Purpose

To provide guidelines for the placement/housing of animals in instructional classrooms and/or other educational settings at the State Schools.

Applicability

This policy applies to all classrooms and/or other educational settings at the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf, the Georgia Academy for the Blind, and the Georgia School for the Deaf.

Policy

No animal shall be placed/housed at any State School without the School Director’s prior consent.

General Provisions

- Permission shall be requested and granted from the School Director before an animal can be introduced into a classroom or kept on campus. An Animals on Campus form must be completed.
- Parents of all involved students shall be informed prior to the introduction of an animal to the school campus.
- The School Director shall determine the length of time an animal can stay in a classroom or on campus.
- In the event of health and safety concerns, the animal must be removed from the classroom or campus immediately.
- The teacher responsible for the animal shall submit with the request form:
  1. Goals and objectives for having the animal at school.
  2. Responsibility/designation for the care of the animal during its stay.
  3. Responsibility/designation for the care of the animal during breaks or vacations.
- In case of an accident, the teacher in charge of the animal shall notify his/her supervisor and submit an accident report to the School Director.
Authority and/or Cross-Reference

- State Schools *Incident Reporting Policy (SS-3007)*