

ANIMALS IN SCHOOL

No animal shall be brought to school without prior permission of the building Principal. School Principals, in consultation with the Health Services Providers in each building, shall utilize the Department of Public Health publication "Guidelines for Animals in Schools or on School Grounds" and review student health records to determine which animals may be allowed in the school building. The decision of the Principal shall be final. The Weymouth School Committee does not permit discrimination against individuals with disabilities, including those who require the assistance of a service animal. The District will comply with Massachusetts law concerning the rights of persons with guide or assistance dogs and with federal law and will permit such animals on school premises and on school transportation. Students' safety, health and well-being, educational benefit, and the Americans with Disability Act will all be taken into account for approval of animals in school buildings.