



Policy Concerning Animals on School Property

Animals are prohibited on any GMUSD or LMHUUSD School Campus or District Property with the following exceptions:

- 1) Animals may be brought in for a given lesson or classroom if the inclusion of the animal(s) is directly aligned with a specific educational objective.
- 2) Service animals may be brought on school or district property. (Service animals are those trained and licensed to perform particular tasks for individuals with disabilities. Accommodations for service animals for students or staff will be provided according to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.)

The superintendent will develop procedures for administering the above exceptions to the prohibition of animals on school property.

- Permitted Animal On Campus

If an animal is permitted on a school campus or district property, the use of the animal must not jeopardize the health and/or safety of students or staff. The building administrator has the authority to determine if the purpose of the animal’s presence is educational and appropriate. The individual requesting the animal to be brought on to a school campus or district property is responsible for ensuring the animal is properly restrained at all times.

- Service Animals

The TRSU does not permit discrimination against individuals with disabilities, including those who require the assistance of a service animal. If a service animal is brought onto a school campus or district property, the building administrator is to be notified immediately. The building administrator or designee shall be responsible for reviewing the requests for the use of a trained service animal. (Emotional Support Animals are not Service Animals under the ADA.)

https://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm

<https://adata.org/guide/service-animals-and-emotional-support-animals>

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