

Section: **INSTRUCTION**

Procedure Title: **Live Animals as Part of the Instructional Program**

Non-caged animals are not allowed in Kelso Schools, except as provided for on the attached Application to Permit Non-Caged Animals.

Prior to granting or denying requests to include animals in the school's instructional program, the principal shall evaluate the following issues:

1. There is an educational benefit to be gained by the inclusion of the animal in the instructional program.
2. There is an appropriate plan for the control of the animal, especially for wild or poisonous animals.
3. Any health concerns involving students, staff or other animals have been thoroughly addressed, for instance allergies, the vaccination status of the animal, if relevant, or the transmission of disease from the animal.
4. The animal's health, safety and well-being have been appropriately evaluated.
5. Sanitary issues have been addressed, the treatment of animal waste and personal hygiene of students or staff in contact with the animals.

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**Application to Permit Non-Caged Animals in Classroom
as Part of the Instructional Program**

1. What type of animal are you wishing to bring into your classroom? _____

2. What is the unit of study and what academic objectives will be met by the presence of the animal in the classroom?

3. Could the animal harm a student or other person? Is it poisonous? Could it bite? Diseases associated with the animal that can be transmitted to students (salmonella, E. coli, etc., (reptiles and amphibians)? Preventative measures:

4. How will feeding, cleaning and handling of the animal be addressed while on school grounds--including hygiene for students and provision for bathroom schedule of the animal?

5. How long will the animal be in your classroom?
Beginning Date _____ Ending Date _____

6. Do any of your students have allergies to this animal? How have you documented that all students are free of allergies to this animal?

7. Does this animal have all current vaccinations? Attach documentation of current vaccinations.
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Teacher Signature/Date

Approved

Denied

Principal Signature/Date