

212 Animals in Schools

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Policy Statement

The North Vancouver Board of Education is committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and enriching learning environment that promotes learner well-being and diverse educational experiences. Animals may be brought into schools to support instruction for learners, in accordance with the administrative procedures.

The Board recognizes that certified or accredited assistance dogs play a role on School District sites in fostering an environment that ensures equitable access to services, programs, and activities within the School District. The School District supports the use of certified or accredited assistance dogs, as outlined in the BC Guide Dog and Service Dog Act.

Scope

This policy applies to all learners, staff, faculty, administrators, contractors and visitors.

Administrative Procedures

The Administrative Procedures to support this policy are available to district/school administrators and staff upon request through the District Principal, Safe and Healthy Schools.

Related Policies

- [Policy 106: Statements of Mandate, Vision, and Values](#)
- [Policy 201: Learning Resources for Classroom Use](#)
- [Policy 211: Special Education Services and Programs](#)
- [Policy 301: Student Safety and Welfare](#)
- [Policy 416: Anti-Ableism](#)
- [Policy 505: Employee Welfare](#)

Resources

- [BC Guide Dog and Service Dog Act](#)