

**DEERFIELD COMMUNITY**

**CODE: 383**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**DATE OF ADOPTION: 02/16/2009**

**ANIMALS IN SCHOOL**

The School Board recognizes animals in a classroom as part of the science curriculum. Animals can add to educational enrichment programs relating to the study of biological sciences as a valuable way for students to learn and experience life sciences. It is most important, that the Board maintains the health, safety, and welfare of students, staff, and animals. Live animals will be allowed in the classroom as part of a curriculum or as classroom pets and will be permitted for laboratory study providing the provisions of this policy are met. Care and maintenance of living organisms as defined in the science curriculum must be followed. Dissection of animals or animal parts is limited to students at the High School level as defined in the curriculum.

**LEGAL REF: Wisconsin Statutes**

- Sections 120.13 [Board power to do all things reasonable for cause of education]
- 121.02 (1)(e) and (i) [Safe and healthful facilities and emergency Nursing services standards]
- 252.21 [Reporting suspected communicable diseases]
- 254.56 [Responsibility for keeping public buildings clean and sanitary]

**Wisconsin Administrative Code**

- TRANS 300.16 [Animals on school buses]
- HFS 145 [Communicable disease control]