

Proposal
No Pet/Controlled Pet Policy for the Fond du Lac School District
12/20/10

Many people exposed to animals and their bedding materials will exhibit allergic and/or asthmatic symptoms, including sneezing, congestion, cough, wheezing, watery eyes, and hives. These reactions may cause discomfort, increased use of medications, decreased productivity at school, and increased absences. The Fond du Lac School District acknowledges the importance of good indoor air quality to overall health and wellness. The District has instituted this policy for the health and safety of all people who enter school district buildings.

Unacceptable animals in the school would be:

- Warm-blooded animals, such as cats, dogs, gerbils, mice, hamsters, etc
- Wild animals, especially those at high risk for rabies.
- Poisonous animals such as snakes, spiders and venomous insects.
- Ducks and chicks and turtles because of the high risk of salmonella and campylobacter.
- Birds.

The Fond du Lac School District believes that there are some educational benefits of having animals in the classroom. Acceptable animals (list below) that are in the classroom must be properly contained and cared for. Good hand washing by staff and students caring for these animals is mandatory. **Approval of the building principal is necessary before any pets may be brought into the classroom or school.**

Acceptable animals in the school would be:

- Fish.
- Amphibians, such as frogs and toads.
- Butterflies, insects.
- Nonpoisonous snakes.

Exceptions are made for service animals for disabled persons and animals used under the control of law enforcement officials. If service animals are to be present in district school buildings the building principal will be responsible for notifying staff, parents and students, in writing, so individual health needs/concerns can be addressed. Service animals should be kept away from carpets, upholstered furniture and return air ducts.