

**INSTRUCTION**

Student Permission for Exposure to Animal(s)

*To be used when animal(s) are brought into the classroom or learning center for educational purposes.*

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Teacher:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As allergies, asthma, immune problems, and/or other health concerns may make animal contact inappropriate for some students, District guidelines require prior parent/guardian permission for student contact with animal(s) in school.

On \_\_\_\_\_, the following animal(s) will visit my classroom for educational purposes:

(insert date)

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|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cat        | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Ferret      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guinea Pig | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbit      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hamster    | <input type="checkbox"/> Reptile or amphibian | <input type="checkbox"/> Rat         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mouse      | <input type="checkbox"/> Gerbil               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

The following animals are prohibited in schools:

1. Venomous or toxin-producing animals (e.g., certain spiders, insects, reptiles, and amphibians);
2. Wild or exotic animals;
3. Mammals at high-risk for transmitting rabies (e.g., bats, raccoons, skunks, foxes, and coyotes);
4. Non-human primates;
5. Stray animals;
6. Aggressive or unpredictable animals;
7. Any animal in the Idaho Invasive Species List; and
8. Any animal considered inherently dangerous.

The building principal or designee will ensure that the District’s policies and procedures for the use of animals in education programs are followed. I will also supervise the entire student-animal contact session, have a clean and disinfected area for showing the animal(s), not allow food or drink in the animal showing area, and will appropriately dispose of animal waste. **Under no circumstances are students allowed to clean cages or handle animal waste.**

Please complete and return this form to me by \_\_\_\_\_ (*insert date*) . If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at \_\_\_\_\_.

**To Be Completed by Parent/Guardian:**

- I **do** permit my student identified above to be exposed to the animal(s) listed above. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the School District and its employees and agents against any claims, except a claim based on willful and wanton conduct, arising out of my student's exposure to the animal(s) listed above.
  
- I **do not** permit my student identified above to be exposed to the animal(s) listed above. I understand that when the animal(s) listed above are present, my student will be excused from classroom attendance without penalty and given an alternative educational activity.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (*please print*) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (*please print*) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: If only one parent/guardian signs this form, please certify the following:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian), have full authority to sign and consent to this Permission Form and Release as an agent of any and all other parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s).

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