

**COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT****POLICY: ANIMALS IN THE CLASSROOM OR ON SCHOOL PROPERTY****DATE ADOPTED:** August 16, 2016**POLICY STATEMENT**

The Colchester Supervisory District recognizes that, under the proper conditions, animals can be an effective teaching aid.

It is also recognized that there can be medical and physical risks associated with animals, both wild and domesticated, in the classroom and/or on school property.

Additionally, federal and state law prescribe circumstances under which individuals with disabilities have a right to bring their service animals onto District premises.

The Superintendent or her/his designee shall prepare procedures and rules to be followed, consistent with State and federal law and guidelines, when an individual wishes to bring an animal onto school property and into any school building. The procedures and rules shall address the bringing of animals to school for instructional purposes, and shall also provide a process to be followed when a request is made by an employee or student with a disability to be accompanied at school by a service animal.

Date Warned: July 29, 2016  
First Reading: August 2, 2016  
Second Reading: August 16, 2016