

Glenn County Special Education Local Plan Area**SELPA Policy****ANIMALS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY OR AT SCHOOL SPONSORED PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

The Glenn County Office of Education recognizes that animals can be an effective teaching aid and that animals may perform vital service functions for students with disabilities enrolled in Glenn County Office of Education Schools or for Glenn County Office of Education staff and school visitors with disabilities. In addition, instruction related to the care and treatment of animals teaches students a sense of responsibility and promotes the humane treatment of living creatures.

Animals may be brought to school for educational purposes, or as service animals, subject to rules and precautions specified in the administration regulations of this policy. Site Administrators and teachers shall ensure that these rules and precautions are observed so as to protect students, staff, visitors, and animals.

The Glenn County Office of Education assumes no liability for the animals brought to school.

Legal References:**CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION:**

Article I, Section 28(f)(1) Right to Safe Schools

CIVIL CODE:

Civ. Code § 54.1

Civ. Code § 54.2

GOVERNMENT CODE:

Gov. Code § 12926

EDUCATION CODE:

Ed. Code § 35160

Ed. Code § 39839

Ed. Code § 51202

Ed. Code § 51540

Ed. Code § 56363(b)(3)

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FEDERAL LAW:

Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
(Public Law 101-336)
ADA Amendments Act of 2008

FEDERAL REGULATIONS:

34 C.F.R. § 300.34(b)(7)

COURT DECISIONS:

Sullivan v. Vallejo City USD, 731 F.Supp. 947 (1990)

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS OPINIONS:

Bakersfield City School District (OCR 2008) 50 IDELR 169

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