

Horizons Education



DOG ON SITE
POLICY

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Dog Onsite Policy at Horizons Education

Purpose:

Horizons Education recognizes the positive impact that dogs can have on students' emotional well-being, social development, and overall learning experience. This policy outlines the guidelines and procedures for allowing dogs to be onsite at Horizons Education.

Scope:

This policy applies to all students, staff, and visitors at Horizons Education who wish to bring their dogs onto the school premises.

Policy:

1. Permission and Approval:
 - Prior approval must be obtained from the school administration before bringing a dog onsite.
 - A written request must be submitted to the administration outlining the purpose and duration of the dog's visit, as well as any special accommodations required.
2. Health and Vaccination Requirements:
 - Dogs must be in good health and free from contagious diseases.
 - Proof of up-to-date vaccinations, including rabies, distemper, and parvovirus, must be provided prior to the dog's visit.
3. Behavior and Training:
 - Dogs must be well-behaved and trained to follow basic commands, including sit, stay, and come.
 - Aggressive or overly disruptive behavior will not be tolerated, and the owner may be asked to remove the dog from the premises.
4. Supervision:
 - Dogs must be under the direct supervision of their owner at all times while onsite.
 - Owners are responsible for ensuring that their dog does not interfere with the educational activities or safety of students and staff.
5. Hygiene and Cleanliness:
 - Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs, including properly disposing of waste.
 - Dogs must be kept clean and free from fleas or ticks.
6. Restricted Areas:

- Dogs are not permitted in certain areas of the school, including classrooms, laboratories, and food preparation areas, unless specifically authorized by the administration.
7. Allergies and Sensitivities:
- Owners must be mindful of students, staff, and visitors who may have allergies or sensitivities to dogs.
 - In cases where individuals may be adversely affected, alternative arrangements will be made to accommodate both the dog owner and those with allergies or sensitivities.
8. Liability:
- Owners are solely responsible for any injury or damage caused by their dog while onsite at Horizons Education.
 - Horizons Education will not be held liable for any incidents involving dogs brought onto the premises.

Enforcement:

Violation of this policy may result in the revocation of permission for the dog to be onsite at Horizons Education. The administration reserves the right to take appropriate action in response to any breaches of this policy.

Review:

This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure its effectiveness and relevance to the needs of the school community. Any proposed changes will be communicated to all stakeholders in advance.

Approval:

This policy has been approved by the administration of Horizons Education and is effective immediately upon publication.

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