## Policy Code: 4202/5029/7272 Animals in Schools

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools (CHCCS) Board of Education must ensure the health and safety of students and school personnel who may come into contact with animals during school activities. The Board recognizes that there are varied and substantial benefits to having animals in schools as part of school programs or activities as long as they are properly managed.

Under the advisement of the Orange County Animal Services Advisory Board and the Orange County Health Department, the Board shall establish regulations for animals in the school setting. The regulations will include guidelines for visiting animals, safety precautions for introducing animals into the school setting, handling of animal wastes to limit the spread of disease from animals to children, and steps to take if a child is bitten or scratched by an animal.

Cross references: Student Safety, 1510/4200/7270; First Aid Procedures, 4252/6152.

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