

REGULATION MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Related Entries: ACG-RC, EBH-RA, EBK-RA, ECJ-EA, ECJ-RA, JPD-RA
Responsible Office: Chief Operating Officer
School Support and Improvement

Animals in the Classroom

I. PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for animals in the classroom

II. PROCEDURES

- A. It is the responsibility of the principal/designee to assure a specific and appropriate educational purpose if any animal is housed in a classroom.
- B. School staff members will be responsible for the proper control of animals brought to school for instructional purposes.
- C. Special attention should be given to furred and feathered animals in the classroom in terms of their effect on allergic students. See Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Regulation JPD-RA: *Health Care for Children and Staff with Allergies*.
- D. Upon request, the Montgomery County Humane Society will provide information and assistance in implementing and conducting instructional programs dealing with the care, feeding, and handling of animals.
- E. MCPS is not responsible for the care or supervision of service animals brought on MCPS property by students, employees, or visitors, as further described in MCPS Regulation ACG-RC, *Service Animals in Schools*.

Regulation History: New Regulation, May 2, 1988; revised February 9, 1995; revised January 14, 2014.