

ANIMALS IN THE CLASSROOM REGULATION

Protocol for School Based Therapy Dogs

1. Building administrator approval.
2. Appropriate arrangements made with administration and staff for how the therapy dog will be used.
3. Dog must be trained, tested and certified through a traditional therapy dog program. At this writing, CARES, Inc. from Concordia, Kansas is the only program that fulfills this requirement.
4. Proof of graduation.
 - a. Proper tests passed
 - b. Provide documentation that training is completed.
 - c. Provide clean bill of health.
5. Update school board.

Caretaker is responsible for maintaining:

1. In-service of staff on dog commands, handling procedures and building protocols.
2. That the dog remains current with therapy dog rules and procedures.
3. That the dog remains current with vaccinations and grooming.

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