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ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOL

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USE OF LIVE MATERIALS IN THE CLASSROOM

In an attempt to offer a wide range of learning experiences, The Winnipeg School Division will authorize the use of live materials in the classroom and laboratory settings for the development of skills in problem solving, creative and reflective thinking, inquiry, and analysis. If such materials are used, the following factors will be taken into consideration:

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- (a) Protection of students and teachers from live material-borne diseases.
- (b) Nutritional and environmental care of animals.
- (c) Appropriate use of live materials and restrictions regarding inappropriate use.
- (d) Community awareness and support of live materials in K-12 classrooms.

Definition:

The term "Live Materials" encompasses those plants, animals, and micro-organisms which are suitable for use in the classroom.