

POLICY 760: Animals on School District Property

The Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) is responsible for maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment at all schools and School District sites.

In School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake), Municipal and Regional District of Central Kootenay bylaws with respect to animal control, will apply to all School District property and school sites.

Specifically, all dogs on school district property must be kept on a leash with a person on the other end of the leash, and under the immediate and effective control of a responsible person. In the event a dog defecates on school district property, the responsible person in control of the dog must immediately remove and dispose of the defecated matter in a sanitary manner.

Assistance dogs may be brought into schools, subject to [Administrative Procedure 760.1: Assistance Dogs](#).

Animals may be brought into schools, subject to [Administrative Procedure 760.2: Animals in Schools](#).

Notwithstanding this policy, under the School Act, the principal of the school has the authority to remove any animal that poses a safety or health concern to the school learning environment.

Information which may support local school conversations and planning can be found at:

[The City of Nelson Animal Regulation and Control Bylaw](#)
[Town of Creston Animal Care and Responsibility Bylaw](#)
[Regional District of Central Kootenay Dog Control Bylaw \(Areas E and F\)](#)
[Village of Kaslo Licensing and Control of Dogs Bylaw](#)