

SKINNER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Denver Public Schools Campuses are not Dog Parks

There is one fact that all Denverites know to be true--- Denver residents love their dogs. Getting our dogs out to run and play is a way to keep them healthy and to show that love. Just as Denverites love their furry friends, Denver Public Schools loves our students. Getting students outside to play is imperative for student well-being, and is often a student's favorite part of their day. At Skinner Middle School we want to make sure we have a safe and clean space for our students to play. That is why there is a school policy that no dogs are allowed on our outdoor grounds. This is to ensure there is no animal waste where students play. We want to provide a healthy and safe environment for our students and we need the community's support in following these policies and holding each other accountable if we see dogs on school grounds.

Recently we had a parent charged by a dog off leash while they were on Skinner's outdoor field. Unfortunately, this was not the first time this has happened. We have had several incidents of dogs off leash charging our students when they are outside waiting for school to begin or waiting to be picked up by their families after school. The Northside is a community rich in culture and respect. We are asking our community to step up and use the appropriate spaces for dog recreation. There are many parks in our neighborhood and a large dog park at Scheitler Recreation Center. Those are more appropriate places to walk and play with your dog. Let's follow city ordinances of keeping dogs on leash and school policy of not having dogs on school grounds. Our kids deserve a safe and clean environment and we can all do our part to ensure they have one.

If you do notice dogs at Skinner and /or witness a dog attack, please call Denver Animal Management Office at 720-913-1311 or call 911 to report an attack.

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