

# THE GLADYS H. OBERLE SCHOOL

## Permission To Participate in Animal-Assisted Activities 2021-2022

Oberle's emotional support dog is back! Lincoln is a hypo-allergenic Golden Doodle who loves



playing with adults and children, giving unconditional love and learning new tricks. Our goal with Lincoln is to create an environment where students have the opportunity to interact with a gentle, friendly animal. The presence of an animal can significantly increase positive social behavior and serve as a calming agent for some students.

Lincoln has been screened by a veterinarian, is up-to-date on all of his required vaccinations, will be bathed weekly and groomed daily.

While we will do everything possible to prevent any injury, accidents can occur while physically interacting with any animal. Animals often use their mouths and body in play and show affection by licking, nibbling or nudging which may result in oral and physical contact.

For the care, welfare and safety of all students and Lincoln, students must understand and agree to abide by the following rules:

1. Animals have individual rights, just as each student has rights. Therefore, Lincoln is also allowed to determine if and when he participates with others. While it may be nice to have him interact, he will never be forced to do so.
2. Lincoln should always be treated gently. He should never be hit, have his tail or any other parts pulled, be carried or treated in any other way that is uncomfortable to him.
3. If Lincoln becomes irritated, scared, or in any way acts in an uncharacteristic manner, Ms. Dillow will find a safe and calming place for him to rest, sleep, or just take a quiet break.
4. Students will never be left alone with Lincoln.

Please contact Ms. Dillow (540-372-6710 x 162), Lincoln's handler, with any questions about your child interacting with Lincoln. She would be happy to talk with you and discuss any concerns you may have.

