

**Policy # 49**

**DISSECTION OF ANIMALS - OPT-OUT POLICY**

Any student expressing a moral or religious objection to the performance or witnessing of the dissection of an animal, either wholly or in part, shall be provided the opportunity to undertake and complete an alternative project that shall be approved by such student's teacher. The student's objection must be sustained in writing by the student's parent or legal guardian.

Students who perform alternative projects who do not perform or witness dissection of animals shall not be penalized.

This policy shall be published and distributed to student, parents or legal guardians in the same manner as the plain language version of the code of student conduct. The policy shall be available upon request in any school building in which courses involving dissection of animals are offered. The policy shall also be distributed to parents and students enrolled in a course involving the dissection of animals at least once at the beginning of the school year.

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