BIOLOGICAL EXPERIMENTS ON LIVING AND NON-LIVING SUBJECTS

I.   Dissection and Behavior Studies

      A.   Dissection or any experimental surgery on living Vertebrates is prohibited.

      B.   Dissection may be performed on non-living vertebrates, invertebrates, and lower orders of life, as listed in the district's animal biology procedural guide. Organisms must be secured from a recognized vendor of such specimens.

      C.   Behavior studies are permitted provided that physiological harm does not result to the organism under investigation.

II.   Biological Experiments

      A.   All biological experiments shall be carried out under the supervision of qualified science instructors who shall be responsible for ensuring that students have the necessary comprehension and maturity for their studies.

      B.   Students may be excused upon written request of a parent or guardian. A relevant alternative assignment must be provided.

III.   Vertebrate Animal cells

Studies of vertebrate animal cells, plasma, serum, or anatomical specimens, shall be lawfully acquired from biological supply, research, wholesale or retail facilities.

IV.   Live Animals

      A.   Live animals on school premises shall be housed and cared for in a safe humane manner.

      B.   Animals shall not remain on the premises when school is not in session, unless proper care is provided.

V.   Policy Review and Revision

This policy shall be subject to review and revision in three years.

Legal Authority:
      Sections 230.22(1)(2), 230.32(3) 1001.41(1), (3); 1001.42(9), Florida Statutes

Laws Implemented:
      Section 233.0674 1002.20(3)(c), 1003.47, Florida Statutes

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