ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

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105.2-AR-3. EXEMPTION FROM DISSECTION ACTIVITIES

Dissection activities are generally utilized as part of the science program. State law provides students the right to request an alternative to an education project involving dissection, vivisection, incubation, capture or other harm or destruction of an animal or any part of an animal.

The center (school) will notify students and parents/guardians of the right to decline participation in such activities. The notice will be given at least three (3) weeks prior to the start of the education project. **Parents/Guardians of students under the age of eighteen (18) and students over eighteen (18) years of age will sign the notice to exempt the student from dissection activities and return the form to the teacher.**

A student who requests exemption from such activities will be offered an alternative education project with the purpose of providing the student with a resource for obtaining the factual knowledge, information or experience required for the course of study.

An alternative **assignment** may include, but **is** not limited to, **the following:**

1. **Observation of the dissection in lieu of the actual dissection work.**

2. **Use of diagrams and models instead of preserved specimens to complete written laboratory sheet.**

3. **Completion of supplementary reports on the anatomy and physiology of the specimens being studied.**

4. **Completion of other assignments as provided by the teacher which may include video programs, computer simulations, or activities from laboratory manuals.**

5. **Alternative tests.**

The deadline for the completion of the alternative assignment will be the same as the completion of the actual dissection activity. The teacher may use the grade on the alternative assignment in place of the dissection activity grade.

The center (school) will not discriminate against a student based on **the student's** request for exemption from such activities.

Teachers are not permitted to lower a student's grade because the student has participated in an alternative education project.

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