

Instruction

Administrative Procedure - Dissection of Animals

Actor	Action	Time
Curriculum Director	Determine which, if any, courses contain a dissection project. “Dissection” includes cutting, killing, preserving, or mounting of living or dead animals or animal parts for scientific study; it does not include the cutting, preserving, or mounting of: (1) meat or other animal products that have been processed for use as food or in the preparation of food, or (2) wool, silk, glue, or other commercial or artistic products derived from animals (105 ILCS 112/10). School Board policy, 6:100, <i>Using Animals in the Educational Program</i> , permits students who object to performing, participating in, or observing a dissection to be excused from classroom attendance without penalty.	Throughout the curriculum development process.
Curriculum Director	Determine alternative projects, if any, to dissection for those courses that contain a dissection project. Report to the Building Principal which, if any, courses contain a dissection project and the availability, if any, of an alternative.	Annually before course offerings and descriptions are distributed to students.
Building Principal	Ensure that course descriptions indicate which courses contain a dissection unit. For such courses, indicate that objecting students have the right to refrain, and the availability, if any, of an alternative.	Annually when course offerings and descriptions are distributed to students.
Guidance Counselors and Teachers	Inform students to consider the expectations and requirements of the post-secondary schools they may be interested in attending (105 ILCS 112/20(b)).	Whenever a student may choose between dissection and an alternative program.
Students	If dissection is objectionable, ask the teacher to be excused from the dissection project and request an alternative project, if one is available.	Within the first 10 days of the course, if possible.
All Staff Members	Do not penalize or discriminate against a student in any way for refusing to perform, participate in, or observe dissection.	Continuously

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 112/1 et seq.