

INSTRUCTION

EXPERIMENTS UPON OR DISSECTION OF ANIMALS

Experiments on living animals are prohibited. No animal provided by, or killed in the presence of, any student shall be used for dissection in such school, and no dogs or cats shall be killed for such purposes. The dissection of dead animals or parts of dead animals shall be confined to the classroom and shall not be practiced in the presence of any student not engaged in the study to be illustrated thereby.

Students who have moral objections to dissecting animals will be excused from classroom attendance during times when such activities are taking place without penalty. The Building Principal shall inform students and parent(s)/guardian(s) at the beginning of the school year of students' right to refrain from attending classes when instruction involves the dissecting of animals.

The following procedures will be followed by a student who wishes to be excused from classroom instruction which involves the dissecting of animals.

1. The student will submit to the teacher a written request from his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) stating the class, time, and reason for not participating in the instruction period.
2. The teacher will review the request with the Building Principal. The Building Principal may request an interview with the student and the student's parent(s)/guardian(s).
3. If the student's request is granted by the Building Principal, the teacher will assign the student to an alternative activity, comparable in academic demand and responsibility.
4. The alternative activity will carry equal credit to the laboratory activity.

LEGAL REF.: Illinois School Code, Sec. 27-14 (105 ILCS 5/27-14).

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