

**Instruction**

**DISSECTION OF ANIMALS IN THE CLASSROOM**

**6163.31**

Dissection of animals is one of many valid instructional methods used to enable students to achieve specific learning outcomes in life science courses at the middle school and high school levels. Laboratory and dissection activities will be conducted with sensitivity and appreciation for the organisms and the students.

A student may choose teacher-determined alternative(s) to dissection, if a written request has been made by the student's parent/guardian that such student be excused from participating in or observing dissection of an animal as part of classroom instruction, which enable the student to achieve the specific learning outcomes of the course. If a student chooses the teacher-determined alternative to dissection, teacher guidance and assistance will be available. The selection of an alternative will not in and of itself affect the student's grade.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

P.A. 13-272 An Act Concerning Dissection Choice

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