

**PUPILS' RIGHTS TO REFRAIN FROM THE HARMFUL OR DESTRUCTIVE USE OF ANIMALS****NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS AND STUDENTS**

1. Each teacher teaching a course that utilizes live or dead animals or parts in activities which would constitute harmful and destructive use of animals shall inform their pupils of their rights.
2. Parental notification will be given at the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term. The notification shall indicate that the course will utilize live or dead animals or parts in the instructional program, and allow students to be excused from participating in such activities.

**REGISTERING OBJECTIONS AND DETERMINING ALTERNATIVE PROJECTS**

1. Any pupil with a moral objection to dissecting or otherwise harming or destroying animals or any parts thereof, must notify his teacher.
2. The pupil's objections to participate in an educational project pursuant to this policy must be substantiated by a note from a parent or guardian to the teacher.
3. The teacher has the option of working with the pupil to develop and agree upon an alternative education project. If the teacher elects not to provide an alternative project, then the student should be excused from the project. Students can not be discriminated against for exercising their objection rights.
4. Should the teacher decide that an alternative education project is possible, he/she must ensure that it only requires comparable time and effort investment by the pupil.
5. Students who exercise their rights to refrain from dissection will have limited laboratory experience, as opposed to collecting anatomical data. Unfortunately, it may be more difficult for students to comprehend the latter secondhand through diagrams and audio-visual media.

**PREPARING AND ADMINISTERING ALTERNATIVE EXAMINATIONS**

1. Pupils refraining from dissection are still expected to pass all examinations of the respective course of study in order to receive credit. However, if the tests require the harmful or destructive use of animals, a pupil may refrain again and seek alternative tests.