

# FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: ANIMAL DISSECTION

ADOPTED: May 10, 2010

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<p>1. Authority SC 1523</p> <p>2. Definitions</p> <p>3. Guidelines</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">105.3. ANIMAL DISSECTION</p> <p>The Board recognizes that a student from kindergarten through grade twelve may refuse to dissect, vivisect, incubate, capture or otherwise harm or destroy animals, or any parts thereof, as part of their course of instruction.</p> <p><b>Alternative education project</b> shall include, but is not limited to, the use of video tapes, models, films, books and computers which would provide an alternate avenue for obtaining the knowledge, information or experience required by the course of study in question. The term also includes "alternative test." A student has the right to refuse any alternative education project or test which may involve or necessitate any harmful use of an animal or animal parts.</p> <p><b>Animal</b> shall mean any living organism of the kingdom animalia in the phylum chordae, organisms which have a notochord. The term also includes an animal's cadaver or severed parts of any animal's cadaver.</p> <p><b>Student</b> shall mean a person twenty-one (21) years of age or under who is matriculated in a course of instruction in an educational institution from kindergarten through grade twelve. For the purpose of asserting the student's rights and receiving any notice or response pursuant to this section, the term also includes the parents/guardians of the matriculated minor.</p> <p>The district shall notify incoming students and their parents/guardians of the right to decline to participate in an education project involving harmful or destructive use of animals and authorize parents/guardians to assert the rights of their children to refuse to participate in those projects. Notice shall be given not less than three (3) weeks prior to the scheduled course exercise which involves the use of animals.</p> <p>A student who chooses to refrain from participation in or observation of a portion of a course of instruction in accordance with this policy shall be offered an alternative education project for the purpose of providing the student an avenue for obtaining the factual knowledge, information or experience required by the course of study.</p>
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	<p>If tests require harmful or destructive use of animals, students shall be offered alternative tests. A student shall not be discriminated against based upon his/her decision to exercise this right. Lowering a grade because a student has chosen an alternative education project or test is strictly prohibited.</p>
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