

# PENN MANOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

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## 105.2-AR-3. EXEMPTION FROM DISSECTION ACTIVITIES

Students attending grades K-12 have the right to decline to participate in an education project involving dissection, vivisection, incubation, capture or other harmful use of vertebrate animals and preserved specimens of vertebrate animals, including fish, amphibians, birds, reptiles and mammals.

The school will notify students and parents/guardians of the right to decline participation in such activities. The notice will be given at least three (3) weeks prior to the start of the education project.

Parents/Guardians of students under the age of eighteen (18) and students over eighteen (18) years of age will sign this notice to exempt their child from dissection activities and return the form to the teacher.

A student who requests exemption from such activities will be offered an alternative education project with the purpose of providing the student a resource for obtaining the factual knowledge, information or experience required for the course of study.

Alternative education projects may include, but not be limited to, the use of videotapes, models, films, books or computers. The projects also include alternative tests.

The district will not discriminate against a student based on his/her request for exemption from such activities.

Teachers are not permitted to lower a student's grade because the student has participated in an alternative education project.