

**Greater Albany SD 8J
Board Policy**

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Animal Dissection

District students in grades K through 12 may refuse to dissect any vertebrate or invertebrate animal. In addition, the student's parents may refuse to allow the student to dissect the animal.

The district shall allow the student to participate in an alternative dissection exercise to demonstrate competency in the coursework. This exercise may include videos, DVDs, CD-Roms, films, computer programs, models, books, clay modeling or transparencies.

A teacher may not discriminate against or lower the grade of a student for not participating in the dissection exercise.

The district shall notify students who have dissection as part of their coursework and the parents or guardians¹, of those students about the provisions of this policy.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 109.056](#)
[ORS 125.005\(4\)](#)
[ORS 125.300-125.325](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 337.300](#)
[ORS 419B.373](#)

[OAR 581-015-0005\(18\)](#)

¹As used in this policy, the term parent includes legal guardian or person in a parental relationship. The status and duties of a legal guardian are defined in ORS 125.005 (4) and 125.300 - 125.325. The determination of whether an individual is acting in a parental relationship, for purposes of determining residency depends on evaluation of those factors and a power of attorney executed pursuant to ORS 109.056. For special education students, parent also includes a surrogate parent, and adult student to whom rights have transferred and foster parent as defined in OAR 581-015-0005 (18).