

**Multnomah Education  
Service District**

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**Animal Dissection**

Students in MESD programs 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.

MESD 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.

MESD program administrators shall notify students who have dissection as part of their coursework and the parents of those students about the provisions of this policy.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 334.125](#)

[ORS 337.300](#)

**MESD Policy Cross Reference(s):**

AC - Non Discrimination

IA/IAA - Instructional Goals

JB - Equal Education Opportunity

IM - Evaluation of Instructional Programs