

**Saint Helens  
School District 502**

Code: **INI**  
Adopted: 5/29/07

**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 of those students about the provisions of this policy.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 332.107](#)  
[ORS 337.300](#)