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OSSE Non-Regulatory Guidance for Local Education Agencies (2012)

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A student who elects not to participate in animal dissection should not be discriminated against for exercising his or her right to do so pursuant to the LEA's policy.

A student who follows the opt-out procedures established by the LEA must be excused from both participation in dissection and in viewing dissection. The alternate techniques should be reasonably chosen to provide the students with knowledge that is comparable to that which is expected to be obtained by other students within the course who perform, participate in, or observe active, hands-on dissection.

Animal dissection is unnecessary and cruel.
Exercise your rights and stand up for
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