

**Piscataway Township School
Piscataway, New Jersey**

Animal Related Non Participation Policy Statement

In accordance with New Jersey Statute 18A:35-4.25, students of Piscataway Township Schools may choose not to dissect, vivisection, incubate, capture or otherwise harm or destroy animals or any parts thereof as part of a course of instruction. This policy includes activities involving all animals in the Kingdom Animalia, including body parts of these animals and the living embryos of these species.

Attached is a “Non Participation” form. Parents or guardians who choose not to have their child perform the specified activities must complete and return the “Non Participation” form within two weeks of receipt. Return forms to the East Wing or West Wing Main Office. Students will be provided with an alternative educational activity of a similar level of academic rigor as the animal-based activity.

Students will be informed of any animal-based laboratory class prior to the date of the class.

Students who choose not to participate in dissection, vivisection, or other animal-related activities will not be required to observe this activity.

Student assessment will not utilize dissection or vivisection activities that may cause harm or distress to subject animals. All students will receive an assessment of a similar level of difficulty, whatever method of instruction is used.

All students will be evaluated equally regardless of the path taken. There will be no bias shown towards students who choose the alternative activities.

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Student Non Participation Form

I, _____, hereby request to be provided with alternative activities whenever, dissection, vivisection, or other animal-related activities are performed on animals that may cause the animals pain, distress, injury, death, or other harm. I understand that I will be required to perform an equivalent activity that will be evaluated and have equal standing to the animal-related lab activity. I further understand that this request may be rescinded at a later date by completing the appropriate "Lab Continuance" form.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Lab Continuance Form

I, _____, hereby request to rescind my prior Non Participation status in regards to dissection, vivisection, or other animal-related activities. I understand that this request will now require me to participate in all animal-related activities and that I will be evaluated on these hands-on activities rather than the alternative dry activities.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

RETURN THIS FORM TO THE EAST WING OR WEST WING MAIN OFFICE