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ALTERNATIVES TO ANIMAL DISSECTION

1. The Charlottesville City School Board may provide one or more alternatives to animal dissection for students enrolled in biological sciences classes that incorporate dissection exercises.

2. If alternatives are provided, they shall require a comparable amount of time and effort as do the dissection exercises and provide comparable depth and scope of learning.

3. Testing procedures that do not require the use of dissected specimens will be provided for those students who choose an alternative technique.

4. A student's objection to participating in an animal dissection should be documented by a signed note from his or her parent or guardian.

5. The notice of possible alternatives to animal dissection will be posted in appropriate science classrooms and in the Program of Studies provided to all families for course selection.

6. If any student chooses an alternative, the choice will be documented in writing and will be included in the student's scholastic record.

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