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To accommodate students who request not to do dissection:

1. That school administrative units should recognize that students who show a legitimate conscientious, ethical reason not to do dissection should not be required to do so and should be offered an alternative assignment to dissection.
2. That school administrative units should establish a local policy which:
 - a) allows students to refuse to do dissection;
 - b) states that alternative assignments to dissection which meet student needs while at the same time preserve the integrity of the biology program will be provided to students on request;
 - c) makes known that students have an alternative to dissection through such means as course description materials, posters, or school announcements; and
 - d) establishes a procedure whereby students may request, and the school may review and approve/disapprove, an alternative. [1989 State Department of Education Policy]

Dissection is unnecessary and cruel. Stand up for animals, and exercise your rights. **Choose not to dissect.**

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