

# Alternative to Animal Dissection Opt-Out

I do not wish for my child to participate in animal dissection activities. Instead, I wish for my child to be provided approved alternatives to animal dissection.

*Please print.*

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Course/Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

NYS Education Law 809:

Any [public school] student expressing a moral or religious objection to the performance or witnessing of the dissection of an animal, either wholly or in part, shall be provided the opportunity to undertake and complete an alternative project that shall be approved by such student's teacher; provided, however, that such objection is substantiated in writing by the student's parent or legal guardian. Students who perform alternative projects who do not perform or witness the dissection of animals shall not be penalized.