

**SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
POLICY G5**

**ANIMAL DISSECTION**

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It is the policy of the South Burlington School District to comply with the requirements of Act 154 of 2008 regarding the right of students to be excused from participating in or observing activities involving the dissection or vivisection of animals. Students enrolled in District schools shall have the right to be excused from participating in any lesson, exercise, or assessment requiring the student to dissect, vivisect, or otherwise harm or destroy an animal or any part of an animal, or to observe any of these activities, as part of a course of instruction. A student who is excused under this policy shall be provided with alternative methods through which he or she can learn and be assessed on material required. No student shall be discriminated against based on his or her decision to exercise the right to be excused afforded by this policy.

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**AUTHORITY AND CROSS REFERENCE**

**Legal References**

Act 154 of 2007-2008 Adjourned Session  
16 V.S.A. §912