

# RAMAPO HIGH SCHOOL

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Lisa Martone  
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Dear Parent,

This letter is being sent to notify parents and students of their rights with regard to New Jersey Statute 18A:35-4.25. The statute is available in its entirety on the following web page: <http://www.nj.gov/njded/aps/cccs/science/dissection/>. In short, the act gives students the right to decline to dissect, vivisect, incubate, capture or otherwise harm or destroy animals or any parts thereof as part of a course of instruction. If you desire to have your student exempted from participation you must notify the school within 2 weeks of receipt of this notice.

The grades of students who refuse to participate in lab experiences involving use of animals as described above will not be affected as long as the students master the agreed-upon learning objectives and expectations. In order to meet prescribed learning objectives and expectations, alternative means of instruction may be utilized. Acceptable alternatives to the activities include videos, models, computer programs, books and other manipulatives.

Only respond to this notification if you intend to exempt your student from experiments in which they are required to dissect, vivisect, incubate, capture or otherwise harm or destroy animals or any parts thereof as part of a course of instruction.

If you have any questions regarding this notification or if you would like to exercise your right to exempt your student, please contact the Science Supervisor of your student's school:

Indian Hills: Mrs. Angela Manzi – 201-337-0100 ext. 3358  
Ramapo: Mrs. Lisa Martone – 201-891-1500 ext. 2258

Sincerely,



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