



## MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The New Jersey Department of Education has passed legislation allowing public school students to choose not to participate in certain experiments involving animals. Public school pupils from kindergarten through grade 12 may refuse to dissect, vivisect (experimenting or causing distress to a live animal), incubate, capture or otherwise harm or destroy organisms. The law requires schools to provide alternative educational projects for those students who choose to “opt out” of these activities.

The law requires parents or guardians to notify the school annually of their desire to have their child exempt from participation in experiments involving animals. Students will then be provided with an alternative project. Although students in the Manchester Township School District may have a dissecting assignment at certain grade levels, the curriculum does not allow for vivisection.

Please return the attached “opt out” form to your child’s principal if you wish to have him/her excluded from an experiment involving animals.

Sincerely,

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## SCIENCE "OPT OUT" FORM

The purpose of this form is to insure compliance with science "opt out" and not dissect, vivisect, incubate, capture or otherwise harm or destroy animals or any parts thereof as part of a course of instruction. The schools are required to provide an "alternative education" project to all students who opt out of these activities. (P.L. 2005, Chapter 266 (C. 18A:35-4.24 & C. 18A: 35-4.25))

Date of Request:

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Student's Name:

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

I request my child be excused from activities that involve animals.  
I understand my child will be provided an alternative educational project.

Return this form to your child's principal

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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