



JUST ASK!

Students Can Choose Alternatives to Dissection

Did you know that K-12 students in New Mexico can choose an animal- and environmentally-friendly alternative to archaic and inhumane dissection practices?

New Mexico is one of 22 states, including Washington, DC, with dissection choice laws or policies.

In 2005, the New Mexico Public Education Department adopted a policy requiring educators to provide alternatives to dissection for any student who opposes animal dissection for ethical, moral, cultural, or religious reasons.

Making the switch to an animal-friendly alternative is easy – **just ask the teacher!**

We're Here to Help

For additional resources or advice:

Visit apnm.org/dissectionchoice

Call APNM's Animal Cruelty Helpline
877-5-HUMANE

Contact Gene Grant, Chief Program & Policy Officer - Animals in Science at gene@apnm.org



Why Choose Alternatives to Dissection?



Animals used for dissection can be sourced from animal shelters, breeders, slaughterhouses, fur farms or harvested from the wild



Capturing frogs and invertebrates from the wild can disrupt ecosystems and the toxic chemicals used to preserve specimens can end up in the soil and waterways



They are less expensive and can be used multiple times, saving tax dollars



Dissection alternatives include computer simulations, anatomical models, and videos



Students' learning outcomes are equivalent or superior to inhumane dissection

