

**36%** of biology teachers already use alternatives *in place of* animal dissection.

**67%** of biology educators are interested in using dissection alternatives.

Results from a nationwide survey of biology students revealed that **2 out of 5 students...**



- would prefer using an alternative instead of dissecting animals. Yet less than 5% of students actually request an alternative from their teacher.
- do not know if dissection alternatives are available to them.

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Have an open dialogue with your students about the availability of dissection alternatives prior to conducting dissection exercises.
- Be prepared with options for students interested in using non-animal alternatives and a location where the students can perform their virtual dissections.

Results from a nationwide survey of biology educators revealed that **3 out of 5 teachers...**



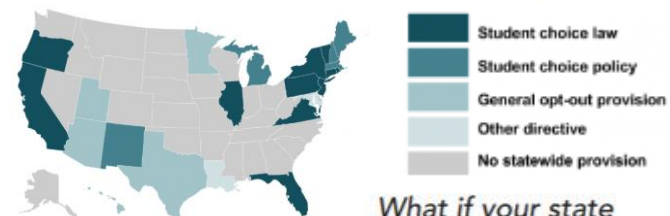
- have not been notified about whether their state does or does not have a student choice law or policy.
- feel that information about dissection alternatives is not widely disseminated among biology educators.

Although the majority of biology educators have used animal dissection as a teaching tool during past school years, dissection alternatives, ranging from web based programs to three-dimensional models, offer a number of advantages over traditional dissection:

- Alternatives cost less than animal dissection.
- Students using alternatives perform as well as or better than students using traditional dissection.
- Alternatives save valuable time in preparation and cleanup.
- Students are more willing to complete exercises when using alternatives compared to traditional dissection.
- Teachers and students find that alternatives are user friendly.
- Alternatives are reusable.
- Alternatives save animal lives.

#### Does your state have a STUDENT CHOICE LAW OR POLICY?

K-12 students in these states are guaranteed the right to choose not to dissect and to have access to an alternative.



#### What if your state HAS NO POLICY?

- Visit the Animals in Education section of [www.navs.org](http://www.navs.org) to learn about how to enact a school student choice policy.
- Contact your state legislators and ask them to propose a student choice law in your state.

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The NAVS BioLEAP® program provides information about advances in dissection alternatives, student choice policies, and more. Provide your students with the latest information by visiting [www.bioleap.org](http://www.bioleap.org)



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