

HCPS Objection to the Use of Specific Material Form

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Procedures for Concerns Regarding Materials

1. The objecting party begins by sharing their concern with the school's principal, library media specialist, or teacher.
2. Should the objecting party be dissatisfied with the school site's proposed resolution and further review is requested, the objecting party will utilize the HCPS Objection to Use of Specific Materials Form, attesting they have read/viewed the material in its entirety, and citing specific concerns.
3. A resident of the county who is not the parent or guardian of a student with access to school district materials may not object to more than one material per month (s. 1006.28(2)(a)2, F.S.)
4. Upon receipt of a completed HCPS Objection of Use to Specific Materials Form, the school site's Educational Media Materials Committee (EMMC) convenes to:
 - Read material in its entirety
 - Consult professional reviews
 - Review submitted form
 - Weigh merits vs alleged faults
 - Align with HCPS Selection Criteria, including Federal and State legislation
 - Reach a school decision
 - Provide a decision report to the objecting party
5. The decision of a school's Educational Media Materials committee applies only to their own school.
6. Should the objecting party wish to appeal the decision of the school site's EMMC, they may request and submit a District Level appeal within 10 school days of receipt of the school site EMMC's decision report.
7. Should the objecting party wish to appeal the decision of the District Level committee, they may request and submit an appeal to the School Board within 10 school days of receipt of the District Level decision report.

Detailed procedures can be found on our website: <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Page/8179>

Please submit the completed form, any attachments, and any questions to HCPSObjectionForm@hcps.net

If you have any questions or comments, the School District Point of Contact for this objection is:

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Introduction

This form must be used by a parent or resident of this county, in conjunction with state law and district policies and procedures, to submit an objection to the school board for the following material:

1. Materials used in a classroom in the district, except for instructional materials as defined in s. 1006.29(2), F.S. The process and forms to object to instructional materials can be found [HERE](#).
2. Materials made available to students in a school or classroom library.
3. Materials included on a school or classroom reading list.

Parent or Resident Information (The Objecting party must be a parent or a resident of Hillsborough County.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

1. I am a parent or guardian of a district or homeschool student who has access to school district materials described in Part II of this form. ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, skip question 2)

If yes, name of student & school: _____

2. ☐ I am a resident of this county and

☐ I have not submitted an objection to any other materials described in Part II of this form during this calendar month. (Both boxes under question 2 must be checked to submit an objection as a resident.)

If yes, documentation: _____

Do you represent an organization? Yes No Name of organization: _____

Material Information

Type of Material: ☐ Book ☐ Non-print material ☐ Other (identify): _____

Title of Material: _____

Author(s): _____ Publisher or Producer: _____

ISBN, if available: _____ Copyright Date: _____

School Site of Material: _____ Grade Level used: _____

Where is the material found: ☐ Media Center ☐ Classroom Library ☐ Reading List ☐ Other: _____

Basis for the Objection

☐ The material is pornographic.

☐ The material is not suited to student needs and their ability to comprehend the material.

☐ The material is prohibited under Section 847.012, F.S.

☐ The material is inappropriate for the grade level and age group for which it is used.

☐ The material depicts or describes sexual conduct as defined by Section 847.001(19), F.S.

This completed form constitutes the complainant's proffered evidence and documentary basis for reconsideration of the Material. After reading (or viewing if video) the material in its entirety, please answer each question as fully as possible so that your views may be adequately understood by the reviewing committee. Please attach additional pages if necessary.

1. What was the date and outcome of the conversation with the site's Principal, Media Specialist or Teacher?

2. What brought the material to your attention (reviews, lists, word of mouth, etc.)?

3. Did you examine the material in its entirety. Circle one: Yes No If not, what sections did you examine?

4. Identify the portion of the material objected to and why. (You must be specific and provide page numbers, sections, or timestamps, as appropriate. You may attach additional information that does not fit within this form.)

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5. Please describe your familiarity with the author:

6. Please describe your understanding of any professional reviews of the material:

7. Please describe your understanding of the theme or purpose of the material:

8. Is there any specific age or grade you would recommend this material? Yes No If Yes, please specify:

9. Is there any value in this material?

10. Please describe any alternative materials you would recommend as a substitute for the material:

11. What is your desired outcome for this material?

☐ Remove or discontinue use of material ☐ Limit access to certain grade levels: _____
☐ Limit my child's access ☐ Other: _____

I hereby certify that I have reviewed the material in its entirety, that the information provided above is accurate to the best of my ability, and that I am either a parent or legal resident of Hillsborough County, Florida.

Signature of Objecting Party: _____ Date Submitted: _____

The public records law of Florida provides that any records made or received by any public agency in the course of its official business are available for inspection, unless specifically exempted by the Legislature. Please be aware that this form is subject to the public records law of Florida.

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