

Hull High School Library Media Center's Challenged Material Policy

The Hull High School Library Media Center's mission is to assist all members of the school community to become effective users of information in all formats and media. Academic freedom guarantees the teachers' the right to teach and to select classroom and library resources for instruction. It is the obligation of the Hull School District to provide intellectual and physical access to resources.

Intellectual access includes the right to read, receive and express ideas and the right to acquire skills to seek out, explore and examine ideas. Physical access includes being able to locate and retrieve information unimpeded by fees, age limits, separate collections or other restrictions.

If any library media center material is challenged:

- A letter must be written giving the title, author and copyright date of the challenged material. A complete explanation must be given for the grounds of the complaint.
- The completed letter should be given to the library teacher who will then give it to the principal.
- The Library Bill of Rights is attached to this Policy.
- After reading the Library Bill of Rights, the principal, library teacher and two other teachers will form a committee to discuss the objection to the material and vote on it. The challenger will be informed of the committee's decision.
- If the challenger does not accept the committee's decision, he or she may present the material to the School Council to override the committee's decision.
- The School Council will make a decision and inform the challenger.
- Materials will not be taken out of the library media center until a decision has been made by the above committee.