

Request for Reconsideration of Library/Media Center Materials

Please fill out both sides of this form and return it to the school principal.

School _____

Your name _____

Telephone _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

"I affirm that I have read/reviewed the library/media center material identified above in its entirety." (This is not required if you are a student.)

I affirm that I have not filed more than three Requests for Reconsideration during this school year.

Please check type of library/media center material:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Book/e-book | <input type="checkbox"/> Video/DVD | <input type="checkbox"/> Record |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Periodical | <input type="checkbox"/> Cassette | <input type="checkbox"/> CD-Rom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pamphlet | <input type="checkbox"/> Kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Title _____

Author _____

Publisher or Producer _____

This Request for Reconsideration is based on concerns that:

- the library/media center material is Sensitive Material
- the library/media center material does not meet the criteria for educational suitability

If you are filing a request for reconsideration on the basis that the material is not educationally suitable, please answer questions 1 – 7, and 13 below.

If you are filing a request for reconsideration on the basis that the material is Sensitive Material, please answer questions 2, and 7-13 below.

If you are filing a request for reconsideration on the basis that the material is both not educationally suitable and is Sensitive Material, please answer all the questions below.

(If sufficient space is not provided, attach additional sheets with your signature on each.)

1. Please confirm the following:

I have met with the Library/Media Center Specialist for an explanation of the intended purpose and use of the material in question.

I have met with a school administrator regarding my concern with the material.

2. What in the material do you object to? (Please be specific. Cite pages, passages, film sequence, etc.)

3. Based on the criteria for selecting library/media center materials identified in Section IV.B. of Policy 8200, please provide an explanation for why the material is not educationally suitable. (E.g., excessive vulgarity and/or profanity, mature themes, lacks literary quality, does not contribute to a balanced perspective, no relevance to core standards or educational goals, etc.)

4. If you believe the book is inappropriate for the age group in this school, for what age group would you recommend this material?

5. What do you believe is the theme or purpose of this material?

6. What do you feel might be the result of a student using this material?

7. What, if any is the literary, artistic, political or scientific value in the material?

8. Do you believe the material is: (Please check all that apply.)

- "harmful to minors" as defined in U.C.A. §76-10-1201
- pornographic as defined in U.C.A. §76-10-1203
- a description or depiction of illicit sex or sexual immorality, or "nude or partially denuded figure" as defined in U.C.A. §76-10-1227

9. If you believe the material is a "description or depiction of illicit sex or sexual immorality," please check all parts of that definition that you feel apply:

- human genitals in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal;
- acts of human masturbation, sexual intercourse, or sodomy;
- fondling or other erotic touching of human genitals or pubic region;
- fondling or other erotic touching of the human buttock or female breast

10. Do you believe that, taken as a whole, the material appeals to the prurient¹ interest in sex of minors?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

11. Do you believe the material is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable material for minors?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

12. Do you believe that, taken as a whole, the material does NOT have serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for minors?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

13. Would you care to recommend other school library/media material of the same subject matter and format?

Signature

Date

¹ *Prurient interest in sex means one that is shameful or morbid. *Butt v. State*, 2017 UT 33. "Material does not evoke a prurient interest unless it has the capacity to provoke sexual responses over and beyond those that would be characterized as normal." *City of St. George v. Turner*. 880 P.2d 929 (Utah 1993).