

Subject: Re: Pornographic images in the HS Library
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Dear Mr. Williams,

Thank you for your letter. Here is the board procedure link: <https://www.ewsd.org/Page/8397> and here is the [Request for Reconsideration form](#). Once the request for reconsideration form is completed it should be submitted to both me and our librarian (who is copied on this email).

Sincerely,

Tamara Parks

On Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 5:56 PM Tom Williams <tom8williams@gmail.com> wrote:

Tamara,

I have two children at Essex High school and one in middle school. I would like to know how to submit a formal complaint about the book Gender Queer in the Essex Highschool Library. I received the letter about this book yesterday.

Whereas I appreciate the District being proactive with letting parents know of this book's existence on the shelf, I was **horrified** when I did some research. Are you aware this book contains sexually explicit drawings?

This has nothing to do with homo or hetero sexual behavior but everything to do with **pornographic images in our school library**. With students as young as 14 years old, we cannot allow this to persist. We must protect our children. I would be equally horrified if books like the Anarchist's Cookbook or Mein Kampf were sitting on the shelf - or any book that propagated hate or white supremacy. Certainly the district is in agreement as I'm confident these books are not on our shelves.

I am confident if I were to check out this book from the Essex HS Library and open it to the images in question, then leave it on my desk at work, I would be promptly **fired** for violating the zero-tolerance policy on pornographic content. We cannot allow this same book to be in our public-school libraries.

Please advise on how I can file a more formal complaint about this book.

Thank you
Tom Williams

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Pronouns: she, her, hers