



## Calling All K-12 Student Artists in Hillsborough County!

The 2026 Drop Savers Water Conservation Poster Contest is Open

### Overview

Hillsborough County Water Resources and the City of Tampa Water Department invite all K - 12 students in Hillsborough County to participate in the Drop Savers Water Conservation Poster Contest. Students are encouraged to create a poster depicting a water conservation idea, in slogan and/or drawing form. Long-range education and awareness programs are a great opportunity to conserve water, and what better way to begin than with the younger generation!

### Winning Prizes

First-place winners receive:

1. Custom jigsaw puzzle of winner's poster design
2. Posters of their artwork
3. Water conservation kit
4. Reusable water bottles imprinted with their artwork to share with their class
5. Advancement to the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association State-level for more prizes

First-, second- and third-place winners will receive:

1. Potential media recognition
2. Display of winning artwork
3. Potential invitation to be honored at a School Board Meeting (public school contestants only)
4. Certificates of Recognition and Appreciation

# Student Guidelines

- Each poster must portray a water conservation idea in a slogan and/or drawing form, and will be judged on the message, creativity, originality, and artistic ability. “Don’t Pollute the Ocean” is a good message, but it is not really water conservation.
- Poster must be drawn on 8 ½” x 11” white paper and may be drawn vertically or horizontally.
- Students may use crayons, paint, color pencils, or markers. No highlighters, photos, or computer graphics are permitted.
- Students must work on posters individually, otherwise posters will be disqualified.
- Only original artwork will be accepted (no AI generated, trademarked, or copyrighted materials).
- **Submit posters to your teacher.**



# Teacher Guidelines

**Schools must only submit one winning poster for each division** according to the Student Guidelines for each of these five divisions to advance to the County-level competition:

- Division 1 (Grades K and 1)
- Division 2 (Grades 2 and 3)
- Division 3 (Grades 4 and 5)
- Division 4 (Grades 6, 7, and 8)
- Division 5 (Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12)

On the back of the School Winner’s posters, write legibly:

- The student’s name and grade
- The school’s name, address, and phone number
- The teacher’s name, email address, and class name

Take high-resolution, double-sided, color scans of the School Winners’ posters and email them to [WaterConservation@HCFLGov.net](mailto:WaterConservation@HCFLGov.net) or mail the originals or double-sided color copies by **Feb. 15th, 2026** to: Hillsborough County Water Conservation, 2420 N. Falkenburg Rd., Tampa, FL 33619.

Submission of an entry serves as the student, parent/guardian, and school’s authorization to utilize the likeness, name, school, and/or artwork of participating students and their teachers in contest and water conservation program materials, including for display and online. Find more information and lesson plans to inspire your students online at [HCFLGov.net/DropSavers](http://HCFLGov.net/DropSavers).

## County and State-Level Competitions

A panel of water conservation specialists from Hillsborough County Water Resources and the City of Tampa Water Department will judge all School Winners’ posters according to the Student Guidelines and choose a first, second, and third-place County Winner for each of the five divisions. First- place County Winners advance to the State-Level contest, led by the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association.