



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

**The 2025 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:

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

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

- Potential media recognition
- Display of winning artwork
- Invitation to be honored at a School Board Meeting
- 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 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 Winners' 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
  - Art submission: Teachers take high-resolution, double-sided, color scans of the School Winners' poster, and email them to [WaterConservation@HCFL.gov](mailto:WaterConservation@HCFL.gov) or mail the originals or double-sided color copies **by February 15, 2025,** to: Hillsborough County Water Conservation, 2420 N. Falkenburg Rd., Tampa, FL 33619.
- Please also consider creating and submitting your student's art to the 2025 WateReuse Student Contest at [watereuse.org](http://watereuse.org). **Though please note that the deadline for submitting to them is January 10.***

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 [HCFL.gov/DropSavers](http://HCFL.gov/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.