

READING MATERIAL

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Students are allowed to receive approved magazines once their Peer Group has formed. Remember that students do have many things to focus on while at Hidden Lake Academy (HLA), so please limit the number of magazines your child receives to two or three.

HLA encourages reading and personal growth, but due to the nature of the types of therapeutic needs students enroll with, magazines are scrutinized to ensure that they do not break any of the major agreements. Magazines shall not:

1. Glorify or promote the use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco products.
2. Glorify or promote any type of violence toward people, animals or property.
3. Glorify or promote sexual activities.

If a student wishes to subscribe to a particular magazine, this must be requested through their peer group counselor. The peer group counselor will base their decision on the magazines compliance with the major agreements listed above. A counselor may disallow a magazine to a particular student based on that student's current therapeutic needs.

Example: A student with a severe eating disorder may not be allowed to subscribe to a magazine that the counselor feels could reinforce the student's irrational belief in a "perfect" body type.

In the case the counselor is unfamiliar with a particular magazine requested, the most current publication of that magazine shall be provided by the student or family to the counselor for review.

A subscription may be stopped at anytime by the counselor if the student's therapeutic needs change, or the magazine alters its content so that it breaks the major agreements listed above.