

Use of Feature Films/Videos in the School**

The showing of commercially produced and rated feature films and other digital media must have a direct instructional outcome and have a legitimate purpose in the school's educational program.

Since the content of feature films customarily is designed for general audience viewing, the Board's preference is that only excerpts of approved films be shown as part of the curriculum. In all cases, certain precautions should be taken to ensure the showing of a particular film is consistent with the educational values espoused by the District. Only instructionally relevant films will be shown.

1. G rated films/digital media may be used at all levels without parental permission.
2. PG rated films/digital media may be used for students grades K-12. For grades K-6, teachers must receive written parental permission.
3. PG-13 rated films/digital media may be used in grades 7-12. For grades 7-8, teachers must receive written parental permission.
4. R rated films/digital media may be used in grades 9-12 with written parental permission only.
5. Nonrated films/digital media require that the teacher exercise his/her professional judgment in the use of such materials. If material which might be questionable is contained, then it is the obligation of the teacher to obtain parental permission.
6. Segments of films/digital media regardless of rating, teachers must use their professional judgment before showing a segment of a film/video.
7. Showing films during nonschool hours - nonmandatory films/digital media may be shown outside of the regular classroom hours. Such films/digital media should offer enrichment for the classroom experience. Written parental permission must be obtained for the films/digital media as if the student was in the classroom.

Regardless of the ratings, teachers must use their professional and prudent judgment in showing digital media in their entirety or in part. Teachers should properly inform students of the content of the film/digital media regardless of its rating, giving students the option of an alternative assignment if they choose not to view the film/digital media. If a parental permission slip is needed to show the film/digital media, the parents and students should receive the permission slip at least five school days prior to the viewing. The parental permission slip must contain a brief summary of the film/digital media, reasoning as to the given rating, and why the film/digital media is being shown.

Copyright permission (e.g. a current Public Performance Site License) is required prior to showing any commercial film/digital media.

The building administrator should be notified prior to showing a film/digital media that requires parent permission. The building administrator will monitor the policy implementation and will have the final authority to make decisions as to the appropriateness of any film/digital media.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

Cross Reference(s):

IIAD - Special Interest Materials