

Administrative Guidelines for Use of Instructional Video for Instructional Purposes

It is expected that video and DVD offerings used in the classroom will be chosen with appropriateness for instruction, and in accordance with relevant laws and guidelines as noted in Board Policy 5.2 in mind.

Any video or DVD offerings with ratings of PG or PG-13 used in the instructional setting must be preceded by permission from the principal and the parent-signed approval forms for any student in the class who does not meet the age requirement. If all students meet the age requirement but the content is controversial, permission slips are recommended. Permission slips must be kept on file. Rated media in the school collection must be clearly marked with precautions including the reasons for restriction (i.e., language, sex, violence).

R-rated movies will not be shown in elementary or middle schools. A list of R-rated movies that have been approved by the superintendent will be provided to each high school. Movies not included on this list will require approval of the superintendent/designee. Inclusion on this list does not provide automatic approval for a teacher to show the movies in class. Specific approval of the principal is still required for each showing of these movies. Principals should consider the following with regard to approval:

- **Frequency of movies shown in the class**
- **Appropriateness of movie to subject**
- **Volume of the movie shown – will showing part of the movie accomplish the same goals as showing the entire movie?**

Parent permission letters should provide information about the content of the movie (i.e., violence, adult language, nudity, sexual content, drug/alcohol use, etc.).

If a student does not have permission to view a PG, PG-13, or R-rated video, the teacher must give that student an appropriate alternative assignment without penalty. NC-17 movies are not allowed.

Use of videos should be in face-to-face teaching activities. Educators should be aware of television ratings and viewing decisions should be based upon guidelines consistent with rated videos.

Substitute teachers' use of video should be in keeping with the teachers' lesson plans. Emergency use of irrelevant videos is not in compliance with Section 110 (1) and should not occur.

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