

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS – Videos and DVDs

1. The selection of videos to be shown in schools is the responsibility of classroom teachers and school principals as described in district policy on instructional materials.
2. Videos may be used in classrooms as an integral part of written lesson plans, or otherwise with the knowledge and approval of the principal and department head.
3. Videos used as part of written, planned lessons in classrooms are covered by the Fair Use provisions of the copyright laws and by district selection of instructional materials.
4. Age appropriate guidelines established by the Motion Picture Association of America are to be applied as follows:

G	General Audience	Elementary & Middle
PG	Parental Guidance Suggested	Elementary & Middle
PG-13	Parents Strongly Cautioned	Middle School – Grades 7 & 8 High School
R	Restricted: Under 17 with parent or adult guardian	See # 6 below

5. For middle school students in grades 6 – 8, if there is a compelling reason to use a full length film that is anticipated will be controversial, or a movie with a “PG-13” rating, parental permission must be obtained. For high school students in grades 9 – 12, if there is a compelling reason to use a full length film that is anticipated will be controversial, or a movie with an “R” rating, parental permission must be obtained.
6. The parental permission procedure is to (1) write a permission slip describing the movie, (2) describing the curricular goals and learning outcomes, (3) identifying the connecting assignments and rationale, (4) describing the issues of concern, all of which must be (5) approved by the principal or department head. A permission slip needs to be signed and returned and used as the ticket for admission. An alternative assignment/option must be provided for students whose parents do not sign the permission form.
7. Parental questions or concerns regarding a film selection should be addressed to the principal.

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