

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

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Movies and Videos

The Board of Education recognizes that movies, videos, and other audiovisual materials are important tools in the educational process. At the same time, the Board believes that the use of movies and videos should be limited so that they are used legally and appropriately in achieving legitimate educational objectives. Therefore, it is the Board's purpose to have a policy that promotes the appropriate use of movies and videos in schools.

- A. Recorded programs from Network and Cable Television: Copies of off-air recordings may be used as necessary to meet the legitimate needs of teachers for the approved educational program.
- B. The showing of movies and videos should be limited to specific educational purposes. A full-length movie, video, or clip thereof, shall not be shown in school unless its content is relevant to the curriculum and specific educational objectives, is appropriate to the age and maturity of the students, is a productive use of class time or has been approved by the building principal for motivational reasons.
- C. The professional educator bears the responsibility to ensure that educational activities and support materials are consistent with the educational objectives.
- D. The following criteria should be considered in selecting videos or movies for viewing:
 - 1. The age, maturity and sophistication of the group of students
 - 2. The movie or video's MPAA rating or television parental guideline rating
 - 3. The presence of profanity, sexual content, prejudicial stereotypes, or violence

A movie or video with a G, TV-Y, or TV-G rating may be shown to any grade with principal approval.

The teacher must notify parents or legal guardians in writing and receive a written permission slip back from the parent/guardian if the movie or video carries any MPAA rating above G or a television rating above TV-Y or TV-G. The parent shall be given the opportunity to remove their child from the classroom during the showing of a movie or video above the G, TV-Y, or TV-G rating.

The school district shall encourage staff to develop a list of movies and videos that will be sent to parents at the beginning of the school year requesting written permission for their child to view.

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