

Greater Albany SD 8J Administrative Regulation

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Procedure for Presentation of Feature Films to Students

Elementary Schools

All feature films shown at the K-5 level in the district will be rated G by the Motion Picture Association unless a waiver has been granted. This policy is followed for the following reasons:

1. Respect for families;
2. The concern for valuable instructional time being used for the showing of movies;
3. The need to focus on student achievement and primary academic areas and for character education issues related to the content of some movies.

Waivers may be granted for PG films at the K-5 level according to the following procedures. The staff member making the request will:

1. Preview the entire film;
2. Fill out the PG waiver request form;
3. Turn the form into the school principal for denial or approval.
4. The principal may submit the form to the assistant superintendent for the approval/disapproval decision if he/she chooses.

When a feature film has been approved, the staff member using the film must secure signed permission slips from the parents or guardians¹ of the students involved in order for them to see the film.

No PG-13, R or NC-17 films will be shown in the elementary schools.

Middle School

Films shown in middle schools in the district will be rated G by the Motion Picture Association unless a waiver has been granted. Waivers may be granted for PG films at this level by following the following procedures. The staff member making the request will:

1. Preview the entire film;
2. Fill out the PG waiver request form;

¹As used in this document, the term parent includes legal guardian or person in a parental relationship. The status and duties of a legal guardian are defined in ORS 125.005 (4) and 125.300 - 125.325. The determination of whether an individual is acting in a parental relationship, for purposes of determining residency, depends on the evaluation of the factors listed in ORS 419B.373. The determination for other purposes depends on evaluation of those factors and a power of attorney executed pursuant to ORS 109.056. For special education students, parent also includes a surrogate parent, an adult student whom rights have transferred and foster parent as defined in OAR 581-015-0005(18).

3. Turn the form into the school principal for denial or approval. The principal will respond promptly to staff members with approval or denial of the request;
4. The principal may submit the form to the assistant superintendent for the approval/disapproval decision if he/she chooses.

When a feature film has been approved, the staff member using the film must secure signed permission slips the parent or guardian of the students involved in order for them to see the film.

No PG13, R or NC-17 films will be shown in the middle schools.

High School

All feature films shown in the high schools of the district will be rated G, PG or PG13 by the Motion Picture Association unless a waiver has been granted. Waivers may be granted for R films at this level by following the procedure stated in this rule. The staff member making the request will:

1. Preview the entire film;
2. Fill out the PG waiver request form
3. Turn the form into the school principal for denial or approval. The principal will respond promptly to staff members with approval or denial of the request.
4. The principal may submit the form to the assistant superintendent for the approval/disapproval decision if he/she chooses.

When an R feature film has been approved, the staff member using the film must secure signed permission slips from the parent or guardian involved in order for their student to see the film.

No NC-17 films will be shown in the high schools.

Feature Film Presentations to Students
Waiver Request Form

Date of Request for Waiver: _____

Name of Film: _____

Rating of Film: _____

School: _____

Signature of Teacher: _____

(This waiver request verifies that I have previewed the entire film and make a commitment to its educational value and its appropriateness for my students.)

Signature of Principal: _____

Grade Level/Class/Subject: _____ / _____ / _____

This waiver request is **approved** / **not approved** for showing to students in the above instructional context. See attached memo describing this decision. Referral to the assistant superintendent by the principal for approval/disapproval is optional.

Assistant Superintendent

Please respond to the following questions:

- 1) Describe the core knowledge and skill addressed in this film in relation to the curriculum and assessment framework of the district.

- 2) How will this film be used in support of the academic goals of the school and of your classroom?

- 3) What aspects of the film might be considered controversial in the eyes of parents or guardians? How will these issues be addressed in classroom instruction?