

Alsea School District 7J

Code: **IIABB**
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Orig. Code(s): IIABB

Use of Feature Films/Videos**

The Board recognizes that the showing of commercially produced and rated feature films and videos has a legitimate purpose in a school's educational program. However, since the content of these feature films customarily is designed for general audience viewing, the Board feels certain precautions should be taken to ensure the showing of a particular film is consistent with the educational goals espoused by the district. Generally, only films rated G, PG or PG-13 may be shown as part of the school program. However, it is also recognized that occasionally an R-rated film may extend or enrich the curriculum. An example is the film **Schindler's List**. In these instances, a administrator will evaluate the film for its relevance and educational value. This may involve discussing the film with the instructor and possibly previewing it. The administrator's decision will be final. The showing of these films is restricted to upper secondary (sophomore-senior) classes.

Films/Videos provided by the Linn-Benton-Lincoln Education Service District are not subject to this policy or the related administrative regulation. Staff using these resources are expected to preview the material to ensure content is consistent with course requirements.

No student shall be penalized for not participating in the viewing of film/video shown as part of a class when his/her parent has requested he/she be excused.

The Board directs administrative procedures be developed to allow the educational use of commercial films rated other than G when:

1. A administrator has approved the use;
2. Provision is made for parent preview when practicable;
3. Prior written parent consent is received.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

Cross Reference(s):

IIAD - Special Interest Materials