

Use of Feature Films/Videos in the School**

Commercial feature films/videos rated G, PG or PG-13 may be shown as part of the school instructional program. Moreover, a parent shall be afforded the opportunity to preview a film/video whenever practicable. Prior parental consent will be required for student viewing of any film/video rated other than G. Edited or unrated films will be shown only with the approval of the administrator. If there is any question regarding the content of a film/video, the staff member shall consult with the building administrator.

It is emphasized that the showing of a film/video must have educational purpose and value. Instructors will be required to show a connection to the curriculum/benchmarks. Moreover, prior to showing a film/video, it is expected that appropriate communication has occurred between the instructor and the parents (what will be viewed, when it will be viewed, how it relates to the curriculum and parent options).

Prior to showing a PG or PG-13 feature film/video in class, the instructor must have the approval of the administrator. At least five working days prior to the showing, the instructor shall submit to the administrator a completed Film/Video Viewing Request Form which will address the following:

1. Title and synopsis;
2. Educational purpose;
3. How it meets course objectives;
4. Proposed date of showing;
5. When and how parents will be notified, or if necessary parental consent;
6. Audience rating (PG, PG-13, R);
7. The instructor has previewed the film in its entirety.

Feature films/videos rated other than G will also require parent consent before the film is viewed by the student(s).

Occasionally, there may be an R-rated film that extends or enriches the curriculum in a manner not possible through traditional instruction. In these instances, the instructor is required to submit to the administrator the information requested above 15 workdays prior to the showing of the film/video. The showing of R-rated films/videos will be restricted to upper secondary classes (sophomore-senior) and always require a letter of explanation to parents and have their prior consent.

Students who do not secure the required permission will be provided an alternative, related assignment. The administrator's decision will be final.

FILM/VIDEO VIEWING REQUEST FORM

Date of Application: _____

Instructor: _____ Class: _____

Title of film/video: _____

Film/Video Rating PG PG-13 R Unrated

Synopsis: _____

Educational Purpose: _____

Proposed date(s) of showing: _____

Attached copy of parent notification-consent letter



Building Administrator: Date: _____

Request: Approved Disapproved

Building administrator signature