



Code: **IIABB**
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Use of Feature Films/Videos**

The Board recognizes the showing of commercially produced and rated feature films and videos may have a legitimate purpose in a school's educational program. 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 copyright law and the educational policies and student outcomes of the district.

Feature films/videos shall be used in classrooms only when they are in compliance with copyright law and support teaching district student grade level outcomes. Films/videos must be age appropriate in content and theme. Instructors are required to preview films/videos before showing them to students and are expected to use good professional judgment in their use with students. Parents should have the opportunity to preview films when practicably possible.

Prior to showing a feature film/video in a school an instructor must have the written approval of the principal. The instructor shall submit to the principal the following written information on the particular film sufficiently in advance of showing the film (one week is recommended) to allow the principal to make a sound judgment regarding showing the film:

1. Title and brief description of the film;
2. Relevance of the film to the lesson(s) being taught;
3. Specific district grade level content outcome(s) the film is intended to assist students in meeting.
4. If not included in a syllabus, the proposed date of showing; and
5. The rating of the film according to The Classification and Rating Administration, 15503 Ventura Boulevard, Encino, CA. 91436.

A feature film/video that is rated:

- a. "G" may be shown to all K-12 students.
- b. "PG" may be shown in grades K-12. Parents must be notified prior to the date of showing and be allowed to notify the school that their student(s) is not to see the film/video.
- c. "PG-13" may be shown in grades 7-12. Parents must be notified prior to the date of showing and be given reasonable opportunity to notify the school that their student(s) is not see the film/video.
- d. "R" may be shown in grades 9-12. Parents must be notified prior to the date of showing of the film/video and must specifically grant permission for their student to view the film.

- e. Edited or Not Rated films/videos may be shown, but as with other films/videos, professional discretion in their use is required. Particular onus of professional judgment resides with the educator(s) if the film/video contains sensitive material. In such cases, parents must be notified appropriately depending upon the nature of the material. Specific parental permission must be sought if the material is sufficiently sensitive that the material would likely receive a rating of “R” if it were rated.

This policy does not apply to those films/videos that are purchased as a part of the district adoption process.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)