

Use of Feature Films/Videos/Instructional Materials

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. However, since the content of these feature films customarily is designed for general audience viewing, the Board wants to ensure that the showing of a particular film or video enhances and supports the curriculum goals of the district and of specific adopted courses and that the content of the film or video is appropriate for the developmental level of the student. Therefore, teachers are required to show evidence, through their lesson plans, of the intended use of the film or video and the standard/benchmark and related curriculum the resource supports. Further, they are required to adhere to district policy regarding the developmental rating of the film based on the age of the student participating in the learning experience.

Prior to showing evidence, through lesson plans, of the intended use of the film or video, the teacher is to adhere to the following developmental levels and film/video ratings:

Film Rating	Allowable Developmental Level
"G"	Grades K-12
"PG"	Grades K-12 (Parental permission required for grades K-5)
"PG-13"	Grades 6-12 only (Parental permission required for grades 6-8)
"R"	Grades 8-12 only (Parental permission required for grades 8-12)

When using a film for instructional purposes parental permission is required for the following:

1. The use of a PG film for students in grades K-5.
2. The use of a PG-13 film for students in grades 6-8.
3. The use of an R film for students in grades 8-12.

If a parent objects, an alternative assignment will be available for the student.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)