

## **Application to Show Feature Film/Video During School Day**

### **Procedure for Presentation of Feature Films to Students**

Feature films can act as an engaging learning tool. While this policy allows for showing approved feature films, it is important to note that showing full feature films should be used selectively. In general, films are not the highest leverage instructional strategy given the amount of time they take and should be used sparingly. However, using purposefully selected short sections can be a powerful value added tool.

### **Elementary & Middle Schools**

All feature films shown at the K-8 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-8 level according to the following procedures. The staff member making the request will:

1. Preview the entire film;
2. Fill out the 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 seek advice of the Superintendent, prior to granting approval, if necessary.

When a PG feature film has been approved, the staff member using the film must gain prior consent from the parents or guardians 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 or 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 waiver request form located on the district website or in the school office;
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 seek advice of the Superintendent, prior to granting approval, if necessary.

When an R feature film has been approved and will be show in its entirety, 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

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*Note to Teacher: This form must be submitted to the building principal at least **five school days** prior to the scheduled date of showing.*

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade level(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Film Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Film: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed date of showing: \_\_\_\_\_

What instructional objectives are to be achieved? How will they be assessed?

Will you be showing the full film or portions of the film? Approximately, how much instructional time will be used to show the film?

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?

Procedure for parental notification and permission (must include an opportunity for parents to preview and parental consent before a student views the film; attach copy of form):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher's Signature Date

*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.*

**Request**    **Approved**    **Denied**

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Administrator's Signature Date

*Original: Building Administrator*

*Yellow copy: Superintendent*

*Pink copy: Teacher*