

## **Use of Feature Films/Videos in the School\*\***

Prior to showing a feature film/video in a school, the instructor must seek the written approval of the building principal. At least five days prior to the showing, the instructor shall submit to the principal (in writing) the following information on the particular film:

1. Title and brief description;
2. Purpose for the showing;
3. Match with course objectives;
4. Proposed date of showing;
5. When and how parents will be notified, or if necessary grant consent;
6. Audience rating (G, PG, PG-13).

The showing of all feature films/videos with a G, PG or PG-13 rating requires only prior parent notification from the instructor, who will summarize in writing the information in the above points 1, 2, 4 and 6.

Instructors are required to preview all film media before showing to students.

Only films/videos rated G, PG or PG-13 may be shown as part of the school program. A parent may have the opportunity to preview a film when practicably possible and teachers must give notice to parents before his/her student may view a film rated PG or PG-13. Parents may request an alternative assignment if they do not want their student to view a film.

Some motion pictures and other media from online sources have never been submitted to the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) and are therefore unrated. Staff members must obtain permission from their principal or designee before showing unrated films/videos or other media to students.

While the district invests in movie licensing through a variety of means teachers in classrooms and online are required to adhere to the 1976 U.S. Copyright Act. There are clarifications in the TEACH Act (2002) and through fair use guidelines.