

# La Grande School District 1

Code: **IIABB**  
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Orig. Code(s): IIBH

## **Commercially Produced and Rated Films and Videos\*\***

The Board desires that district students, who spend a significant portion of their time in district schools, acquire the words, concepts, behaviors and skills that contribute to good conduct and ethical decision making. In keeping with that desire, the Board believes that films and videos used as curriculum must foster the language, culture and climate of good character desirable in the district.

The Board recognizes the showing of commercially produced and rated films and videos may have a legitimate purpose in a school's educational program. Since the content of these films/videos customarily is intended as popular entertainment, the Board feels certain precautions must be taken to ensure the use of these films/videos is consistent with the educational values and character espoused by the district.

Under Board direction administrative procedures will be developed to accomplish this objective, including the provision that a parent has the opportunity to preview a film or a video when practicably possible and that a parent must give prior consent before his/her child may view a film or a video with a rating other than G.

The Board desires that any film/video used in curriculum must have a clear and compelling educational value that cannot be reasonably accomplished by other means. Furthermore, the only commercially produced and rated films/videos considered appropriate for full viewing in district school curriculum are those rated G or PG.

Carefully screened, limited excerpts of PG-13 or R rated films/videos may be shown with prior approval from the administrator. These excerpts may not contain any of the following: nudity, foul or sexually explicit language, gratuitous violence, gratuitous implied or overt sex, crude behavior or language. Parents will be notified about the film and excerpt, and must provide prior consent. Excerpts will be such that any reasonable group would consider the excerpt shown to meet G or PG standards. A principal may choose to convene a committee to assist in the approval process.

END OF POLICY

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### **Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 332.107](#)