

Use of Feature Films/Videos**

The Board recognizes that 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 requires certain precautions be taken to ensure the use of any particular film/video is consistent with the educational values espoused by the district. District administrators shall develop procedures to accomplish this objective.

Films/videos rated G, PG, PG-13, or R may be shown as part of the school program. The selection of such materials must directly relate to the curricular objectives for the course and be done in compliance with School Board Policy II/IIA (Instructional Resources/Instructional Materials) and School Board Policy IIAB Supplementary Material Selection. Films rated G may be used in grades K-12. Films rated PG may be used in grades 4-12. Films rated PG-13 may be used in grades 7-12. Films rated R may be used in grades 11-12. Excerpts of R rated films may be used in grades 9-10 if they contain no objectionable material. Objectionable material includes mature adult themes, obscene or profane language, gratuitous violence, or explicit sexual content (including nudity).

The Board desires that parents be actively involved in the education of their children and insists that instructors clearly communicate with parents about the use of feature films in the instructional program. The use of a PG film requires parental notification in all instances and parental permission for grades 4-6. The use of a PG-13 film requires parental notification in all instances and parental permission for grades 7-10. The use of an R film requires parental notification and permission. If an excerpt of a PG-13 or R film is used and it contains no objectionable material, then only parental notification is required. Parents should have the opportunity to preview a film when practicably possible.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

Cross Reference(s):

IIAD - Special Interest Materials