

### **Use of Feature Films/Videos\*\***

Instructors are required to preview all film media before showing to students. Prior to showing a feature film/video, the instructor must seek the written approval of the building principal or designee. At least three weeks prior to the showing, the instructor shall submit to the principal, in writing, the following information about the film:

1. Title and brief description;
2. Purpose for showing the film;
3. Match with course objectives;
4. When and how parents will be notified, or if necessary grant permission;
5. Audience rating and reason for rating (if PG, PG-13, or R).

Recognizing that the rating system is a voluntary system sponsored by the Motion Picture Association of America and the National Association of Theater owners, instructors should pay close attention to the presence of mature adult themes, obscene or profane language, gratuitous violence, and explicit sexual content (including nudity). These are all criteria of interest and concern to parents and the School Board. For this reason, instructors should use edited versions of PG-13 or R films, when possible. Additionally, instructors should consider using excerpts rather than entire films to maximize instructional time. If the selected edited version or excerpt from a PG-13 or R film does not contain mature adult themes, obscene or profane language, gratuitous violence, or explicit sexual content, then only parental notification is required. If any of these features are included in the edited version or excerpt, then parent permission is required.

Parent notification should include the name of the course and the film, when the film will be shown, the film's rating, a brief explanation of why the film has that rating, a description of the film or excerpt, and an explanation of how the use of the film relates to the course or lesson objectives. Notification shall provide a minimum of two weeks time for parental response before the use of the film. A parental permission slip shall include the notification and a place for the parent to designate their permission.