

Use of Feature Films/Videos in the School

Feature films/videos is defined as: Commercially (professionally) produced video presentation created for public showings at theater and/or television, including made for TV movies. While an audience rating is usually associated with most feature films/videos, unrated films/videos are also subject to this policy/regulation.

1. Prior to showing a feature film/video in a school, the instructor must seek the written approval of the building principal/supervisor/administrator. At least ten days prior to the showing, the instructor shall submit to the principal in writing, by using the form provided in IIABB-AR(2), the following information on the particular film:
 - a. Title and brief description;
 - b. Purpose for the showing;
 - c. Match with course objectives;
 - d. Proposed date of showing;
 - e. When and how parents will be notified, or if necessary grant consent;
 - f. Audience rating (G, PG, PG-13);
 - g. If an edited film/video clip, the instructor must submit the following:
 - (1) Film/video rating;
 - (2) Description of selected clip;
 - (3) Length of clip.

2. Film/video rating and parent notification/exclusion expectations:

For feature films/videos with a PG or PG-13 rating, prior parental consent will be required before a student views the film as follows:

- a. Elementary School (K-5):
 - (1) G = requires five days written notice to parents;
 - (2) PG = requires five days written notice with return form providing exclusion option.
- b. Middle School (6-8):
 - (1) PG = requires five days written notice to parents;
 - (2) PG-13 = requires five days written notice with return form providing exclusion option.

c. High School (9-12):

(1) PG-13 = requires five days written notice with return form providing exclusion option.

3. Instructors are required to preview all film media before showing to students.
4. 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 that parent must give prior consent before his/her child may view a film rated PG or PG-13.
5. Edited or unrated films/videos will be shown at the discretion of the building administrator.