

Use of Feature Films/Videos

Feature films and/or videos are defined as: commercially (professionally) produced video media 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 feature films/videos are also subject to this policy/regulation. Exempt from this policy are the following:

1. Educational video/media made exclusively for the K-12 educational setting (e.g., Bill Nye, Magic Schoolbus, etc.);
2. Video clips/web streaming less than 20 minutes in length that are used as an educational tool (e.g. Springboard clips, etc.) as long as the content in the clips are age-appropriate in material.

Prior Approval by Building Principal (IIABB - Form)

1. Prior to showing a feature film/video in a school, the instructor must seek the written approval of the principal. At least seven days prior to the showing, the instructor shall submit to the principal (in writing) the following information on the particular film:
 - a. Title;
 - 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 longer than 20 minutes, the instructor must submit the following:
 - (1) Film/video rating;
 - (2) Description of selected clip
 - (3) Length of clip.

Film/Video Rating and Parent Notification/Exclusion Expectations

1. Elementary School (K-5)
 - a. Rated G does not require parental consent;
 - b. Rated PG requires five days written notice with return form providing an exclusion option.

2. Middle School (6-8)
 - a. Rated PG requires five days written notice to parents;
 - b. Rated PG-13 requires five days written notice with return form providing an exclusion option.
3. High School (9-12)

PG-13 requires five days written notice to parents.

Other Requirements

1. Instructors are required to preview all film media before showing to students.
2. A parent may have the opportunity to preview a film when practicably possible.
3. Unrated films/videos or edited portions of films/videos may be shown if approved via “prior approval” by building principal. (IIABB - Form)

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Teacher _____ Grade _____

Film/Video title _____

Connection to curriculum/standards _____

Match with course objectives _____

Proposed date of showing _____

When and how parents will be notified, or if necessary, grant consent _____

Audience rating (G, PG, PG-13) _____

If an edited film/video clip:

Film/Video rating _____

Description of selected clip _____

Length of clip _____

Date this request submitted to building principal _____

Approved Not Approved

Approved with conditions _____

Date _____ Administrator _____