

Use of Feature Films/Videos**

The following procedures shall be followed for the use of commercial media in the district:

1. The complete showing of a DVD/feature film/commercial media must be specifically related to curriculum content and requires prior approval of the principal.
2. Prior approval by the principal for the showing of all non rated and non G-rated media.
3. Written notice from the teacher sent to parent(s) before a student may view non rated media or media rated other than G.
4. Opportunity for a parent or guardian to preview any non rated or non G-rated media is provided in advance of showing in the classroom.
5. Appropriate alternative educational activities are provided for students whose parent or guardian denies consent.
6. Viewing is limited to that portion of the media that is relevant to the curriculum or activity.
7. The use of materials rated PG-13 shall be permitted for use in limited situations for middle school (grades 6-8) students, and high school (grades 9-12) students only with the above approvals and parental consent.
8. The use of R-rated materials shall be permitted in very limited situations for high school (grades 9-12) students only under the following circumstances:
 - a. The teacher must demonstrate a "compelling" educational interest in showing the media or portions of the media;
 - b. The teacher must demonstrate that they have researched alternate instructional materials and such materials are not available;
 - c. The principal, in consultation with the superintendent/designee, must approve the showing of the media and/or portions of the media;
 - d. A letter shall be sent home explaining the rationale for viewing the media and shall indicate what portions of the media shall be shown and why the media is rated "R";
 - e. Parents must give written approval for their student to view "R" rated media, or portions of "R" rated media; and
 - f. Students may "opt out" of viewing the media and shall be given a comparable assignment.
9. The use of materials rated X and/or NC-17 is expressly prohibited.
10. The use of commercially produced and rated media, videocassettes and materials must adhere to existing copyright laws.