

Use of Feature Films/Videos**

The Board recognizes the showing of commercially produced and rated feature films and videos may have a legitimate purpose in a school's educational program. However, since the content of these feature films customarily is designed for general audience viewing, the Board feels certain precautions should be taken to ensure the showing of a particular film is consistent with the educational values espoused by the district.

Only feature films rated, G, PG, PG-13 (and R rated films at the high school level) may be shown as part of the school program; if the following conditions are met:

- 1) The teacher considers the film integral to the intended curriculum;
- 2) The film is approved by the principal prior to the start of the semester;
- 3) At least 21 days prior to the showing of the film teacher will send notification or parent consent form home; and,
 - a) At the elementary school, teachers must have parent written consent prior to showing a PG film or video.
 - b) At the middle school, teachers must have prior parent notification on file prior to showing a PG film or video, and parent written consent prior to showing a PG-13 film or video.
 - c) At the high school, teachers must have prior parent notification on file prior to showing a PG-13 film or video, and a parent written consent when showing an R rated film.

The principal may waive the 21-day rule if the film or video to be shown is within the first few weeks of the semester or a student has enrolled after the 21-day time limit. The waiver must be in writing and allow for as many days as practical for parent notification and consent.

If a new feature film or video is released during the school year, the principal may approve the showing of the feature film or video with the 21-day notice requirement.

A feature film or video list for each teacher **shall be submitted to the Principal** prior to the start of the trimester. The list is to include all the feature films and videos that will be shown during the semester by teacher and film rating where available. This list should not include films or videos such as ESD instructional materials, pre-approved curriculum instructional materials, or other such types of instructional films and videos that are directly integrated with the curriculum program.

The Board directs administrative regulations be developed to accomplish this objective, including the provision that a parent has the opportunity to preview a film or video.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)