

### **Use of Feature Films/Videos in the School\*\***

Prior to showing a feature film/video in a school, the instructor must seek the written approval of the building principal. At least five days prior to the showing, the instructor shall submit to the principal (in writing) the following information on the particular film:

1. Title and brief descriptions;
2. Purpose for the showing;
3. Match with course objectives;
4. Proposed date of showing;
5. When and how parents will be notified, or if necessary grant consent;
6. Audience rating (G, PG, PG-13 and R).

The showing of all feature films/videos with a G rating requires only prior parent notification from the instructor, who will summarize in writing the information in the above points 1., 2., 4. and 6.

Additionally, for feature films/videos with a PG, PG-13 or R rating, prior parental consent will be required before a student views the film.

Instructors are required to preview all film media before showing to students.

Only films/videos rated G, PG, PG-13 or R 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 student may view a film rated PG, PG-13 or R.

Edited or unrated films/videos will be shown at the discretion of the building administrator.

Parental notification for the showing of G movies at the secondary level will be at the discretion of the building administrator.

## District Movie Rating Guide

“NC-17” K-12: May not be shown under any circumstances

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- “R” 9-12: Teachers must fill in the movie request form and submit to the administrator for approval.
1. The teacher must have previewed the movie or excerpt.
  2. **Signed** permission must be granted from the parent to view.
  3. If any parent objects, the teacher will prove an educationally related alternative for that student.
- K-8: May not be shown under any circumstances

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- “PG-13” 9-12: May be used **with** parent notification
- 7-8: Teachers must fill in the movie request form and submit to the administrator for approval.
1. The teacher must have previewed the movie or excerpt.
  2. **Signed** permission must be granted from the parent to view.
  3. If any parent objects, the teacher will provide an educationally related alternative for that student.
- K-6: May not be shown under any circumstances

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- “PG” 7-12: May be used without parent notification
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  2. **Signed** permission must be granted from the parent to view.
  3. If any parent objects, the teacher will provide an educationally related alternative for that student.

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“G” K-12: No notification required. Use the same professional judgement as when using video material acquired from the district or ESD.

No rating evident requires the same procedure as above for “PG-13” and “PG”

If a teacher is using only excerpts from a video with any of these ratings, they must follow the same procedures.

All videos/movies shown must have educational value/purpose and be part of the adopted curriculum.

## District Movie Request Form

The following form must be completed and submitted to your building principal two weeks prior to the scheduled showing of a movie with a rating as stated on the district movie rating guide.

Name of movie: \_\_\_\_\_  
Movie of Rating: \_\_\_\_\_ Date movie will be shown: \_\_\_\_\_  
Course Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Correlation to curriculum: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Name (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Building administrator

- Approved for viewing (follow the appropriate steps  
As checked below)  
 Not approved for viewing

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### Copyright Regulations:

1. The teacher must be in attendance during the showing of the movie.
2. The showing takes place in a classroom setting.
3. The movie is essential part of the current curriculum.