

## **Use of Commercially Produced Feature Films and Other Digital Media**

The Board recognizes the showing of commercially produced and rated feature films and videos must have a direct instructional outcome and a legitimate purpose in a school's educational program.

Since the content of these feature films customarily is designed for general audience viewing, the Board's preference is that only excerpts of approved films be shown as part of the curriculum. In all cases, certain precautions should be taken to ensure the showing of a particular film is consistent with the educational values espoused by the District. Only instructionally relevant films rated G for Grades K-6; G and PG for Grades 7 and 8; G, PG and PG-13 for Grades 9 and 10; and G, PG, PG-13 and R for Grades 11 and 12 may be shown as part of the school program.

In the case of PG rated films for Grades 4-6; PG-13 rated films for Grades 7 and 8; or R rated films for Grades 11 and 12, teachers must have:

1. Written approval from the administrator.
2. Previewed the movie or excerpt.
3. Signed permission from the parent.

If any parent objects, the teacher will provide an educationally equivalent alternative for that student.

Other digital media must have prior administrative approval before being shown to students.

The Board directs administrative procedures be developed to accomplish this objective, including the provision that a parent have the opportunity to preview a film when practicably possible and that a parent may request his/her student not be allowed to view a film rated PG, PG-13 or R.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 332.107](#)