

## **Utilization of Made for Entertainment/Commercial Films as Instructional Resource**

The Board discourages the showing of complete or substantial portions of commercially produced films in the classroom during the school day. Under this policy commercially produced films are those released to the general public and made primarily for profit and entertainment.

When a commercially produced film is deemed to have educational value and supports the course work or curriculum and is appropriate for the age and maturity of the students (as outlined below), teachers are encouraged to have students view the film outside the classroom and make such viewing and any follow-up report an optional or extra credit assignment.

Any commercially produced film intended to be shown in full or substantially in full in the classroom must meet the following criteria as approved by the Building Administrator:

1. The film content should be appropriate for the course work or curriculum;
2. The film should be appropriate for the age and maturity of the students, as outlined below;
3. The film should be the most appropriate instructional resource; and,
4. Use of the film should not interfere with or cause students to miss other classes or scheduled teaching blocks.

A film may be edited in order to meet this criteria.

A parent/guardian will be notified of the opportunity to preview a film intended for classroom viewing before the film is shown. If the parent objects to the film, alternative assignments will be given to the objecting parent's student without penalty. Likewise, if there is any objection to viewing a commercial film for extra credit, a student will be given alternative extra credit work opportunities in lieu of such viewing option.

A commercially produced film is presumed appropriate for the age and maturity of the students using the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) guidelines:

### **Rating**

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| G     | General Audiences: May be shown to students of all ages   |
| PG    | Parental Guidance Suggested: May be shown to students 10 years of age and older with parental/guardian permission |
| PG-13 | Parents Strongly Cautioned: May be shown to students 13 years of age and older with parental/guardian permission  |

R            Restricted: May be shown to students 17 years of age and older with parental/guardian permission

The rating of clips, excerpts or unrated films will be made by the Building Administrator, in consultation with the teacher, based upon the descriptors in the MPAA ratings as set forth in the guidelines.

1.    Short clips and limited excerpts of commercial films may be shown upon approval of the Building Administrator, without parental/guardian permission.
2.    Unrated commercially produced films may be shown in full or substantially in full upon approval of the Building Administrator using the criteria set forth above, including parental/guardian permission.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 332.107](#)