

Use of Feature Films/Videos**

The Board recognizes that the showing of commercially produced and rated films, hereafter called feature films, may have a legitimate purpose in the school's educational program. However, since the content of feature films is designed for general audience viewing, the Board feels that certain precautions should be taken to ensure that the showing of a particular film is consistent with the educational values espoused by the district. The Board directs the superintendent or designee to develop procedures for the use of feature films that include:

1. Prior administrative approval for all non-G rated films;
2. Written notice sent to parent(s) or guardian(s) before a student may view a film rated other than G;
3. Opportunity for a parent or guardian to preview any non-G rated film must be provided in advance of showing it in the classroom;
4. Appropriate alternative educational activities must be provided for students whose parent or guardian denies consent;
5. The use of R-rated materials will be permitted in very limited situations for high school students only with the above approvals and written parental consent (obtained prior to showing the film or any excerpt of the film);
6. The use of PG-13 materials will be permitted for use in limited situations for middle school students only with the above approvals and written parental consent (obtained prior to showing the film or any excerpt of the film);
7. The use of X-rated and/or NC-17 materials is expressly prohibited;

The use of commercially produced and rated films, videocassettes and materials must adhere to existing copyright laws.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)