



Administrative Directive	3.30.039-AD
Use of Feature Films/Videos	

The District 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, certain precautions should be taken to ensure the showing of a particular media is consistent with educational values, as well as all District policies regarding use of media and applicable copyright laws.

The showing of commercially produced and rated films/videos and other media must have a direct instructional outcome to be assigned as part of any classroom experience and course work. Except as provided below, only films, videos, DVDs, and other media rated G, PG, or PG-13 may be shown as part of the school program to students of appropriate ages.

1. Process for use in class

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

- a. Title and brief description;
- b. Purpose for the showing;
- c. Description of how it aligns with course objectives;
- d. Proposed date of showing;
- e. Audience rating (G, PG, PG-13, R).

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

Commercial films/videos may not be used in class for purely entertainment purposes without first obtaining a viewing license.

2. Audience rating

Edited or unrated films/videos may be shown at the discretion of the building administrator. Teachers must review the film/video to ascertain whether it is appropriate for viewing.

Written notice will be sent to parents or guardians before a student may view a film rated other than G.

The use of R-rated materials will be permitted in very limited situations for high school students only with the approval of the building administrator and parental consent. R-rated materials with graphic violence and/or nudity will not be permitted unless a clear educational purpose can be articulated and has been approved by the building administrator and there is parental consent.

The use of PG-13 materials will be permitted for use in limited situations for middle school students only with the approval of the building administrator and parental consent.

The use of X-rated and/or NC-17 materials is expressly prohibited.

3. Parental notification

Parents may be given the opportunity to preview a film when practicably possible. A parent may also withhold permission for their child to view a film rated PG or PG-13.

Parental notification for the showing of PG and PG-13 films at the secondary level and R-rated movies at the high school level will be accomplished at the beginning of each school year through a communication to all parents from the building administrator. This communication will notify parents of their option to withhold permission to have their student view films in these rating categories.

For unrated films that contain mature content, parents should be notified of the nature of the film and provide specific information as to its content and the purpose of the viewing.

The teacher will provide appropriate alternative educational activities for students whose parent or guardian denies consent.

4. Copyright enforcement

The use of commercially produced and rated films, videos, videocassettes and similar materials must adhere to existing copyright laws if they are to be used for other than educational purposes. PTAs, booster clubs, school-sponsored clubs, CUB permit holders, and all groups using District facilities must have a license for showing movies for entertainment purposes on school grounds.

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