

**Policy: IJK**

**SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS  
(Movies, Videos, DVDs, On-line Resources)**

The Board encourages teachers to use supplementary instructional materials that are relevant to instructional goals and curriculum objectives. By using such materials, including movies, videos, and DVDs, teachers can introduce content that enhances student learning in curriculum content areas, helps students develop critical thinking skills, and stimulates intellectual curiosity.

Teachers shall carefully preview all supplementary instructional materials to ensure that, in their professional judgment, these materials are:

- A. Directly related to the course of study in which they are being used; and
- B. Appropriate for students' ages and maturity level.

When using such materials, teachers shall provide appropriate introductory and follow-up activities.

The use of movies, videos, DVD's and On-Line Resources, is intended to complement and/or supplement basic texts, learning materials, and teaching activities.

The following guidelines shall apply to the use of movies, videos, and DVDs.

- A. **If the movie is rated G:** G-rated movies may be used in classes if they are content-oriented and the teacher has fully previewed the materials.
- B. **If the movie is rated PG:** The teacher must have fully previewed the material; and material must be content-oriented. PG material may be shown to grades K-5 with parental permission. Permission and/or notification of parents is suggested for older students.
- C. **If the movie is rated PG-13:** To view a PG-13 rated movie, students must be in high school or have written permission from a parent if in grades 6-8; the teacher must preview the material; the material must be content oriented; and a letter must be sent home informing the parents that a PG-13 movie may be watched in class.
- D. **If the movie is rated R:** To view an R rated movie, students must be in high school; the teacher must preview the material; material must be content-oriented; and the teacher must send home a permission slip, which must be signed by the parent or legal guardian for the student to watch the movie.

- E. **Clips from R-rated movies:** Some clips from R-rated movies may be shown in high school classes. Teachers may show these clips if the teacher has previewed the material, and it is of some educational value.

Cross Reference:

EGAD - Copyright Compliance

IJJ - Instructional and Library Media Materials Selection

IJJ-E - Challenge of Instructional Materials Form

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