

SCHOOL/CLASSROOM USE OF VIDEOS/DVDs/MOVIES/MEDIA/STREAMING SERVICES

Movies, videos, DVDs, streaming services and other audio-visual materials may be important tools in the educational process. The use of movies should be limited so that they are used legally and appropriately in achieving legitimate educational objectives. Therefore, it is the purpose of this policy to promote the appropriate educational use of movies and media in schools. The following guidelines represent board policy regarding how and when movies may be used as an instructional strategy to supplement approved course curriculum,

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With regard to rented, streamed or privately owned movies, all district employees must comply with copyright laws and other applicable regulations. The Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction will be responsible for providing information regarding regulations.

EDUCATIONAL RELEVANCE OF MOVIES AND MEDIA

The showing of movies and media must be limited to specific educational purposes.

The following must be considered before showing a movie or media:

- The age, maturity, and sophistication of the group of students;
- The movie or medias MPAA rating or television parent guideline rating;
- The presence of profanity, sexual content, prejudicial stereotypes, or violence;
- The course curriculum and educational benefit of the movie or media;
- The feasibility of using a lawfully edited version or specific portion of the movie or media rather than in its entirety;
- The students, teacher and community interest in viewing the particular movie.

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The following ratings and guidelines apply before showing a movie:

- A movie with a G, TV-Y or TV-G rating may be shown to any grade (K-12) with teacher discretion.
- A movie with a PG, TV-PG, or TV-Y-7 rating may be shown in grades 2-12 with school approval and parent notification.
- A movie with a PG-13 or V-14 rating may only be shown to students in grades 7-12 with school approval and parent notification.
- Movies with an R, NC-17, or TV-M rating are prohibited.

PARENT OBJECTIONS

If a parent objects to a student's viewing of an approved movie and personally communicates such objection to the teacher or administrator, the teacher shall not allow the student to view the movie.

The teacher shall provide the student with alternate assignments similar to that done by students who view the movie.

MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY AND REVIEW

Building principal will be responsible for monitoring compliance with this policy.

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