

## TELEVISION & MOVIES IN SCHOOLS

### Educational Use

The Board believes that certain television programs and movies, when used in relation to course objectives, will make a contribution to instruction and can add to students' level of understanding.

A teacher must submit the item to the building principal for review and approval in accordance with administrative regulations. Administrative approval will be based upon the selection criteria outlined in the selection and adoption of instructional materials policy and on the following:

1. Suitability given the maturity level of students.
2. The subject matter should be appropriate to the curriculum. In discussion of the program, its content should be integrated with curriculum objectives.
3. Free of ethnic, sex, or religious bias, unless this bias is used to point out the dangers of such views in connection with a curricular discussion of bias and prejudice.
4. When a program or film contains controversial material, approval will be based on a teacher's ability to handle the issue and provide adequate and appropriate materials that present all sides of the issue.
5. Availability of alternative sources to accomplish educational objectives.
6. Feasibility of using a lawfully edited version or specific portions of the movie or program rather than in its entirety without seriously weakening its educational value.
7. In format and content, meets fair use standards and complies with the copyrighted material policy.

Upon receiving administrative approval, teachers must notify parents/guardians of the upcoming showing and allow reasonable time for parents/guardians to opt their children out. Alternative assignments will be made available.

### Use for Reward & Entertainment

Except for a special occasion involving the school population as a whole (ie: Christmas Holiday Party), District Schools will not show television programs or movies as entertainment or a reward during instructional time.

Administration will review the suitability of the work given students' ages and maturity levels and will also review the appropriateness of the work's content. Works containing violence, excessive profanity, sexually explicit material, and/or promotion of drug and alcohol use will be prohibited from being shown to students as a reward or entertainment unless an administrator believes an exception is warranted. In such cases, the Superintendent will review the work and make a final determination. Upon receiving administrative approval, teachers must notify parents/guardians of the upcoming showing and allow reasonable time for parents/guardians to opt their child out.

The Superintendent will be responsible for notifying staff of this policy annually. Staff who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

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Complementing NDSBA Templates (may contain items not adopted by the Board)

- ABCA, Copyright Material & Intellectual Property
- GAAA, Curriculum Design and Evaluation
- GBA, Academic Freedom

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