

Section: **STUDENTS**

Procedure Title: **Guidelines for Using Films and Videos**

A film or video selection (either in full or partial viewing) for classroom use must meet at least one of the following tests:

1. Does it enrich and support the curriculum?
2. Does it stimulate growth in factual knowledge, aesthetic values, or ethical standards?
3. Does it present opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop, under guidance, the practice of critical viewing and thinking?

Elementary:

Films and videos with a **film industry rating of G** may be used in Kelso School District elementary classrooms without parent/guardian/custodian notification.

Use of PG Rated Videos

Normally PG rated material will not be used: however, if the film or video is appropriate to the curriculum and the principal approves, such material may be shown. Kelso School District **Parent Consent Forms** must be issued to each student, signed by the parent/guardian/custodian, and returned to school prior to the classroom showing of any PG rated film or video. Students without parental/guardian/custodian permission must be provided **alternative assignments**.

Middle School:

Films and videos with a **film industry rating of G or PG**, may be used in Kelso School District middle school classrooms without parent/guardian/custodian notification.

Use of PG-13 Rated Videos

Normally PG-13 rated material will not be used: however, if the film or video is appropriate to the curriculum and the principal approves, such material may be shown. Kelso School District **Parent Consent Forms** must be issued to each student, signed by the parent/guardian/custodian, and returned to school prior to the classroom showing of any **PG-13** rated film or video. Students without parental/guardian/custodian permission must be provided **alternative assignments**.

High School:

Films and videos with a **film industry rating of G, PG, or PG-13** may be used in Kelso School District high school classrooms without parent/guardian/custodian notification.

Use of R Rated Videos

Normally **R** rated material will not be used: however, if the film or video is appropriate to the curriculum and the principal approves, such material may be shown. Kelso School District **Parent Consent Forms** must be issued to each student, signed by the parent/guardian/custodian, and returned to school prior to the classroom showing of any **R** rated film or video. Students without parental/guardian/custodian permission must be provided **alternative assignments**.

NOTE: *Rented films and videos may be used only in a classroom or in a similar setting for the purpose of instruction. Rented films and videos may not be shown for the purpose of entertainment unless a public entertainment fee is paid.*

Films/videos edited for television must be used as per their original audience rating.

Films/videos produced for entertainment purposes that do not have an audience rating must be reviewed and approved by the principal (a) for age appropriate content, and (b) compliance with the three-prong test identified in this regulation before being used at any grade level.

**The Parent Consent Form must state the teacher's objective for use of the film and note any scenes, languages, etc. that may be objectionable.*

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