

USE OF RATED FILMS AND A-V MATERIALS

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Generally, commercial films produced for entertainment are not to be shown in schools during instructional time. Films or videotapes having obvious educational value may be shown when appropriate for the content, district curriculum, and level of the subject being taught. Commercial films may be shown for entertainment as part of co-curricular or after school event or as a reward for a class achieving a major goal.

In addition to a film's content being appropriate for the subject taught, films will have to meet certain rating requirements or have prior administrative or parent/guardian approval for a student to view the film. These are as follows:

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| “G” Rating | These films may be shown at any grade level with the principal's approval. |
| “PG” Rating | These films may be shown at any grade level with parent/guardian and principal approval. |
| “PG 13” Rating | These films may be shown at grades 7-12 with parent/guardian and principal approval. |
| “R” Rating | These films may be shown at grades 11-12 after a review and approval of the Superintendent. Parent/guardian approval will also be necessary. The film's content and message must be integral to the subject taught and no other material would provide students with the information, knowledge or understanding that the film provides. |
| “Unrated”,
“NC17” and
“X” Rating | Under no circumstances will “NC 17” or “X” rated films be shown in the school setting. “Unrated” films may be shown if approved by the principal after a preview of the film. Parent/guardian permission will be necessary. |

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Staff members requesting a film approval are responsible to give the principal an accurate description of the film's content.

Staff members making film or video selections for classroom use should determine that the material is part of face-to-face teaching as part of an organized curriculum to meet provisions of copyright law (PL 94-553, Section 110(1)). Staff members are encouraged not to show students videotapes of network or cable television performances which the students have probably already seen at home.

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