

Technology Resources – Instructional Television (Movies/Videos/DVDs)

It is the policy of the District that there is educational value in utilizing movies, videos, and DVDs in the classroom only when the content of such movies, videos, or DVDs represents an essential part of Board approved curriculum. This policy applies to both instructional and non-instructional (entertainment) videos, movies, or DVDs.

Selected non-instructional or entertainment videos/DVDs may have educational merit and are allowed for the age groups and ratings as follows:

Grade levels K-8 – Ratings G and PG (with parental permission)

Grade levels 9-12 – Ratings G, PG, PG13

DVDs and videos that are rated R or NC17 are not approved and are not to be shown in classrooms, any District facility, or at any school sponsored activity (this includes buses and motel accommodations). Principals are authorized to allow an exception to the above by approving selected excerpts from PG13 or R rated movies under the following criteria:

- The excerpt provides clear instructional support for the curriculum being taught.
- The excerpt is determined to be age appropriate.
- The excerpt does not violate any other District policy or ethical standard.
- Parents are notified

All non-instructional videos, movies, and DVDs must have advance approval of the school principal.

Copyright Requirements

The Federal Copyright Act (Title 17, USC) stipulates that neither the rental or purchase of a video cassette or DVD carries with it the right to use the movie outside the home.

The “Fair Use” provision of the copyright act does allow the exhibiting of copyrighted video cassette or DVDs in schools under the circumstances:

- A teacher is in attendance and;
- The showing takes place in a classroom setting and;
- The movie is used as an essential part of the current curriculum being taught.

Use of non-instructional video cassettes or DVDs under any other circumstance in a school setting is prohibited.

Policy Reference: 2311 Selection and adoption of Instruction Material  
2312 Copyright

Legal Reference: Federal Copyright Act, Title 17 USC  
PL 94-553, 90 Stat. 2541

Policy History

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