

Use of Feature Films/Video

Feature films and/or videos are defined as: commercially (professionally) produced video media created for public showings at theater and/or television, including made for TV movies. While an audience rating is usually associated with most feature films/videos, unrated feature films/videos are also subject to this policy/regulation. Exempt from this policy are the following:

Educational video/media made exclusively for the K-12 educational setting (ex. Bill Nye, Magic Schoolbus, etc.).

Video clips/web streaming less than 20 minutes in length that are used as an educational tool (ex: Springboard clips, etc) as long as the content in the clips are age appropriate in material.

1. Prior Approval by Building Principal (IIABB-Form)

Prior to showing a feature film/video in a school, the instructor must seek the written approval of the building principal. At least 7 days prior to the showing, the instructor shall submit to the principal (in writing) the following information on a particular film:

- a. Title;
- b. Purpose for the showing;
- c. Match with course objectives;
- d. Proposed date of showing;
- e. When and how parents will be notified, or if necessary, grant consent;
- f. Audience rating (G, PG, PG-13);
- g. If an edited film/video clip longer than 20 minutes, the instructor must submit the following:
 - (1) Film/video rating;
 - (2) Description of selected clip;
 - (3) Length of clip;

2. Film/Video Rating and Parent Notification/Exclusion Expectations

- a. Elementary School (K-5)
 - G does not require parental consent
 - PG requires five days written notice with return form providing exclusion option

- b. Middle School (6-8)
PG requires five days written notice to parents;
PG-13 requires five days written notice with return form providing exclusion option.
 - c. High School (9-12)
PG-13 requires five days written notice to parents
3. Instructors are required to preview all film media before showing to students.
 4. A parent may have the opportunity to preview a film when practicably possible.
 5. Unrated films/videos or edited portions of films/videos may be shown if approved via “prior approval” by building principal (IIABB-Form).