

Three Rivers School District

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USE OF FEATURE FILMS, VIDEOS, OR OTHER MEDIA IN SCHOOLS

Prior to showing a feature film, video, or other non-rated media in a school, the instructor must seek the written approval of the building principal. At least ten five days prior to the showing, the instructor shall submit to the building principal (in writing) the following information on the particular film, video, or other media:

1. Title, brief description, and audience rating.
2. Purpose for the showing;
3. Match with course objectives and state standards (*when applicable*);
4. Proposed date of showing;
5. Audience rating (G, PG, PG-13 or R)
6. A copy of the permission form that will be sent to parents if the film is rated PG, or PG-13 at grades K-5, PG-13 at grades 6-8 or rated R at grades 9-12.
7. If parent permission is required, a description of the alternative activity that will be provided for students not viewing the film.

The showing of all feature films or videos with a G rating requires only prior notice to parents or guardians from the instructor, who will summarize in writing the information in the above points.

Instructors are required to preview all film media before showing to students.

A parent of students in grades K-5 must give prior consent before his/her child may view a film rated PG or PG-13. A parent of students in grades 6-8 must give prior consent before his/her child may view a film rated PG-13. A parent of students in grades 9-12 must give prior consent before his/her child may view a film rated R. Films rated R may only be shown at grades 9-12.

Only films or videos rated G, PG, PG-13, R, or other approved non-rated media may be shown as part of the school program. Parents or guardians may have the opportunity to preview films, videos, or other non-rated media when practically possible and that parents or guardians must give prior consent before their student views a film rated PG, PG-13, R or other non-rated media.

Edited or un non-rated films/videos will be shown at the discretion of the building principal. Written approval must be obtained as per the above policy and the building principal may require that permission slips be obtained.

The notification to parents or guardians for the showing of G movies at the secondary level will be at the discretion of the building principal.

Permissible uses - District employees may:

1. Use purchased or rented video recordings/CDs/DVDs such as feature films as part of a systematic course of instruction, in accordance with district policy. Such use shall be for direct instruction and must take place in a classroom or similar area devoted to instruction;
2. Use only rented lawfully-made video recordings/CDs/DVDs;
3. Arrange for the local school to transmit video recordings/CD's/DVDs over their closed-circuit television systems for direct instruction;

4. Use off-air video recordings made at home for classroom instruction and only in accordance with television off-air guidelines and district policy.

Prohibited uses - District employees may not:

1. Use rented or purchased video recordings/CDs/DVDs where a written contract specifically prohibits such use in the classroom or direct teaching situation;
2. Use rented or purchased video recordings/CDs/DVDs such as feature films for assemblies, fund raising, entertainment or other applications outside the scope of direct instruction without public performance rights.

If a feature film will be shown outside of direct classroom instruction (such as a movie night or reward activity) a license would need to be purchased. More information about requesting a license can be found on *TRSD.net*.
