

Title: Media Use Policy

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1.1. Objective:

The objective of this policy is the following:

- 1.1.1. Describe the appropriate use of media, including feature films and videos and music.
- 1.1.2. Ensure that media used supports educational goals and is developmentally appropriate for student viewing and listening.
- 1.1.3. Ensure that parental approval is obtained, when appropriate.

1.2. Media Use Philosophy

The Board recognizes the showing of commercially produced and rated feature films, videos and music may have a legitimate purpose in the school's educational program. However, the Board wants to ensure that the use of particular films, videos or music enhances and supports the curriculum goals of the school and that the content is appropriate for the developmental level of the student. Therefore, teachers are required to show evidence, through their lesson plans, how the media will provide educational enrichment. Further, they are required to adhere to school policy regarding the developmental rating of films based on the age of the student participating in the learning experience, as well as appropriate content in videos and music.

1.3. Developmental Levels and Film/Video Ratings

- 1.3.1. In addition to demonstrating the educational value of the intended use of a film or video, teaching staff are also required to adhere to the following developmental levels and film/video ratings:

Film Rating	Allowable Developmental Level
“G”	Grades K-5
“PG”	Grades K-5 (Parental permission required)
“PG-13”	Not developmentally acceptable for Grades K-5
“R”	Not developmentally acceptable for Grades K-5

- 1.3.2. When using a film for instructional purposes, parental permission is required for the use of a PG film.
- 1.3.3. If a parent objects, an alternative assignment will be available for the student.

1.4. Music and Other Audio Media

- 1.4.1. Music and other audio media used in the educational setting must be developmentally appropriate and may not contain lyrics with explicit content.
- 1.4.2. Staff must prescreen music and audio recordings to ensure that any music or other recordings used in the classroom do not contain explicit content. The Recording Industry Associations of America (RIAA) labels music with explicit content.

Feature Film/Video Permission Slip

Film/Video Title: _____

Description: _____

Rating: _____

Purpose for Use: _____

Date of Showing: _____

Parent/Guardian Permission

I hereby give permission for my child _____ to watch the film/video listed above.

I DO NOT give permission for my child _____ to watch the film/video listed above. Please provide an alternative assignment for my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____