
Videos and films are effective teaching tools and valuable supplements to other curricular materials. The appropriate use of film and video fosters critical thinking skills and provides for the learner to construct meaning through media other than printed text. The aural and visual qualities of the film and video medium have a strong appeal to young people and help teachers accommodate a variety of student learning styles.

In addition to using films and videos specifically designed for educational use, teachers may also supplement instructional materials with commercially produced feature films designed for general audience viewing and rated by the Motion Picture Association of America. Care should be taken in selecting a particular film/video to ensure that it is consistent with the district's educational values and Criteria for Selection specified in IIA-AR: Instructional Materials Selection. Respect for the intellectual freedom of teachers must be balanced with a concern for the developmental needs of students and parental preferences for their children.

The Motion Picture Association of American rating system will be used as a guideline in determining whether a film or video may be viewed as a part of the instructional program:

1. G films/videos may be used in grades K-12 as long as they are directly linked to the curriculum and fit the scope and sequence of the class.
2. PG films/videos may be used in grade four and five only with permission of the principal and of the parent or guardian. PG and PG-13 films/videos may be used in grades 6 – 8 only with permission of the principal and of the parent or guardian. The films must be directly linked to the curriculum and fit the scope and sequence of the class.
3. G, PG, and PG-13 films/videos may be used in grades 9-12 as long as they are directly linked to the curriculum and fit the scope and sequence of the class.
4. R or non-rated films/videos may be used in grades 9-12 only with permission of the principal and of the parent or guardian. The films must be directly linked to the curriculum and fit the scope and sequence of the class.
5. NC-17 films/videos will not be used in Bend-La Pine Public Schools.
6. X is no longer used by the Motion Picture Association of America. X rated films/videos, however, will not be used in Bend-La Pine Public Schools.

For principal approval, use IIA-AR Teacher-Selected Supplemental Instructional Materials Approval form. For parent/guardian notification and approval, use IIA-AR Parental Permission Form for Teacher-Selected Supplemental Instructional Materials.

Opportunity for a parent or guardian to preview any film/video requiring parental permission is available upon request.

Appropriate alternative educational activities must be provided for students whose parent or guardian denies consent to view a film/video requiring parental permission.

The use of all media, including commercially produced and rated feature films/videos, must adhere to existing copyright laws as described in EGAAA-AR, V.

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