

BLAINE SCHOOL DISTRICT VIDEO PROCEDURES

Policy No. 2345P



















In our continuing efforts to be sensitive to the broad base of values held by the public we serve and also to allow individual teachers to select appropriate and effective supplemental teaching materials (e.g., films and videos/DVDs), the following guidelines are to be followed:

1. If a teacher desires to use a film or video/DVD on a year-to-year basis with all students, the film or video/DVD must follow District Policy: Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials with respect to the adoption and purchase of instructional materials as a part of that course's "Basic Materials."
2. All films, videos/DVDs purchased through the District's curriculum adoption cycle, may be used for the course/grade level for which it was adopted without requiring the teacher to follow the procedures outlined below.
3. Videos from "off-the-air" commercial television (e.g., news story, presidential debates, "breaking news" appropriate for school age children, space shuttle coverage, etc.) may be shown at the discretion of the teacher without prior approval of the building principal but consistent with the "Fair Use" guidelines described in Section 107 of the 1976 Copyright Act. Advance notification to the Principal is required if it is a sensitive or controversial topic.
4. Short subject videos (e.g., Nature, Bill Nye) that are instructional in nature and are available through the ESD or the school's library media center may be used at the teacher's discretion provided they are relevant to the course content/grade level and are age appropriate. Notification to the building principal is optional.
5. Feature films/motion picture videos/DVDs are allowable when they are age appropriate and:
 - The media is directly related to an instructional objective (determined by the teacher) for a particular grade level and/or course;
 - The teacher previews the video; and,
 - Use is consistent with the "Fair Use" guidelines described in Section 107 of the 1976 Copyright Act.

If a parent objects to a student's viewing of an approved movie or video and personally communicates such objection to the teacher or administrator, the teacher shall not allow the student to view the movie or video. The teacher shall provide the student alternate assignments or course work similar to that done by students who view the movie or video.


Age-appropriate content will be determined by the industry accepted rating system of the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA).

6. The grid below specifies the permission needed and acceptability at each grade level for MPAA rated movies.

	G	PG	PG-13	R	NC-17
Primary		P, 			
Elementary		P, 			
Middle		P, 	C		
High				C	

 = Acceptable

P = Principal Approval

 = Parent Permission

 = Written Parent Notification

 = Never Acceptable

C = Curriculum Adoption *Reference Board Policy 2020

ADDITIONAL VIDEO SHOWINGS

If staff uses movies/videos for any of the following reasons, they must have permission of the building principal and inform parents.

- Student rewards
- Cultural enrichment
- Last day of school
- Holiday events / assemblies
- Children's entertainment during PTA / PTO Meetings
- Movie nights
- Dances / safe prom
- Before or after school programs or latch key programs
- Lunch hour movies
- Rainy / snow days
- Lock-ins
- Staffing and other emergencies
- Summer camps
- Club meetings (even film or foreign language clubs)

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