

	Huron School District #2-2	Code: IIAD-1 School/Classroom Use of Videos/Movies
	Policies and Regulations	

School/Classroom Use of Videos/Movies

Movies, videos, and other audio-visual materials may be important tools in the educational process. At the same time, the use of movies and videos should be limited so that they are used legally and appropriately in achieving legitimate educational objectives. Therefore, it is the purpose of this policy to promote the appropriate educational use of movies and videos in schools. The following guidelines represent board policy regarding how and when movies and videos may be used as an instructional strategy to supplement approved course curriculum.

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With regard to rented or privately-owned movies and videos, all district employees must comply with copyright laws and other applicable regulations. The director of instruction will be responsible for providing information regarding regulations.

EDUCATIONAL RELEVANCE OF MOVIES AND VIDEOS

The showing of movies and videos must be limited to specific educational purposes.

The following must be considered before showing a movie or video:

- ❑ The age, maturity, and sophistication of the group of students;
- ❑ The movie or video's MPAA rating or television parent guideline rating;
- ❑ The presence of profanity, sexual content, prejudicial stereotypes, or violence in the movie or video;
- ❑ The course curriculum and educational benefit of the movie or video;
- ❑ The availability of alternate sources to accomplish educational objectives;
- ❑ The feasibility of using a lawfully edited version or specific portions of the movie or video rather than in its entirety without seriously weakening the movie or video's educational value;
- ❑ The student, teacher, and community interest in viewing the particular movie or video.

The following ratings and guidelines apply before showing a movie or video:

- ❑ A movie or video with a G, TV-Y, or TV-G rating may be shown to any grade (K-12) with teacher discretion.
- ❑ a movie or video with a PG, TV-PG, or TV-Y-7 rating may be shown in grades 2-12 with school approval and parent notification.
- ❑ A movie or video with a PG-13 or V-14 rating may only be shown to students in grades 9-12 with school approval and parent notification.
- ❑ Movies with an R, NC-17, or TV-M rating are prohibited.

PARENT OBJECTIONS

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.

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Nothing in this policy grants parents, students, or school staff the authority to prohibit an approved movie’s showing based solely on individual objections. At the same time, educators should be sensitive to individual complaints and take all reasonable steps to resolve complaints equitably in a manner that would allow the child full participation in the curriculum.

MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY AND REVIEW

Building principals will be responsible for monitoring compliance with this policy.