

# SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS SELECTION AND ADOPTION (Formerly Movies and Videos)**

### Statement of Purpose:

The Board believes that movies, videos and other audiovisual materials are important tools in the educational process. As the same time, the Board believes that the use of movies and videos should be limited so that they are use legally and appropriately in achieving legitimate educational objectives. Therefore, it is the Board's purpose to have a policy that promotes the appropriate educational use of movies and videos in schools by maximizing classroom instructional time, encouraging parental participation in the education process, and fostering community values.

### Statement of Policy:

It is Board policy to establish course curriculum and work in partnership with parents to promote an appropriate learning environment that reflects community values. Therefore, 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.

### Educational Relevance:

The showing of movies and videos must be limited to a specific purpose. General selection criteria should include quality of the overall work, fair and accurate representation of the facts, the reputation and significance of the writer, director and/or performer, and critical acclaim of the work itself.

The following should be considered by a teacher planning to show a movie or video in the classroom to students:

1. The teacher must watch the movie or video in its entirety before showing it to students.
2. Purpose for showing the movie/video
3. Match with course objectives
4. When and how parents will grant consent, if necessary.
5. Audience rating (G, PG, PG-13, or R)

### Age Appropriate Movies:

#### Elementary Level:

Only G rated movies may be shown without parental permission. However, parents must be notified that the movie will be shown in class. Any PG rated movie to be shown at the elementary level requires a signed, written consent from a parent/guardian that must be kept on file before the student may view the video.

#### Junior High Level/Middle School:

Only G rated movies may be shown without parental permission. Any movie with a PG rating to be shown at the junior high/middle school requires parental/guardian notification. Any movie with a PG-13 rating to be shown at the junior high/middle school requires a signed, written consent from a parent/guardian that must be kept on file before the student may view the video.

#### High School:

Only G, PG and PG-13 rated movies may be shown without parental permission

The Board discourages the showing of any R rated movie in school. However, the Board also recognizes that R rated movies may have a valid educational purpose. An R rated movie, having a valid educational purpose to be shown at the high school, must first receive approval from a school administrator. Once approved, the teacher must require a note signed by a parent/guardian from each student that must be kept on file before the student may view the video. When considering showing R-rated films, any segments that are excessively violent or gratuitous in nature, and do not further add to the student's understanding of the content studied, should be eliminated from the viewing. Signed, written permission must be granted by a parent/guardian before the student may view the video.

#### Copyright:

All District employees must comply with federal copyright laws, as well as publisher licensing agreements. A rented or privately owned movie or video may be shown in the classroom provided "fair use" exceptions are satisfied:

1. The movie or video is shown in the course of face-to-face teaching activities.
2. The showing of the movie or video is directly related and of material assistance to the curriculum and lesson objectives.

*See also Appendix IJK-R*

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