

**Instruction**

**Use of Commercially Produced Video Recordings**

The use of films and videotapes (hereinafter “videos”) in school are subject to the following regulations:

1. All videos must be previewed and evaluated by the teacher and be determined to meet identified learning objectives contained within the Board approved curriculum before they are used with the students. Good taste and professional judgment must always be exercised when selecting video recordings for classroom use.
2. Teachers generally may use videos in the course of “face-to-face” teaching activities, without the need to obtain consent from the copyright owner if the videos are:
  - a. Legally obtained lawful copies.
  - b. Used in the course of teaching activities.
  - c. Used by an instructor or student.
  - d. Used in a classroom or similar place devoted to instruction.
3. A video rated NC-17 shall not be shown under any circumstances.
4. Other media such as CD-ROM, laser disc, audio tapes, and non-rated videos, while not a part of the video rating system, should be selected and used applying the same criteria as videos.
5. Videos may only be used for recreation or entertainment, or for other than planned instructional purposes with the permission of the Principal.

**Legal Reference:**

Publication 94-553; The Copyright Act of 1976, 17 U.S.C. 101 et seq. and 1980 amendments

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