

INSTRUCTIONAL USE OF MEDIA RESOURCES

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1. Any use of a media resource must comply with the District copyright policy EGAD, and its accompanying regulation. Media includes but is not limited to film, video, DVD, and electronic media.
2. Teachers need approval of the building administrator or designee prior to using supplemental media resources that may fit within the definition of controversial learning resources set forth in policy IJA. The building administrator or designee will determine if parental permission is necessary prior to showing the supplemental media resource.
3. For all media resources, whether instructional or supplemental, that have been assigned a rating by the media industry, the following, guidelines shall be used:
G – media may be shown to all grade levels.

PG – media may be viewed by intermediate elementary school students in grades 4–6 for instructional purposes with parental permission.

PG – media may be shown to middle school and high school students within the guidelines of this policy and policy IJA.

PG–13 – media may not be shown to elementary school students.

PG–13 – media may not be shown in their entirety to middle school students. Excerpts of media rated PG–13 may be shown to middle school students provided that the excerpts are appropriate for the age and maturity level of the students, and consistent with this policy and policy IJA.

PG–13 – media may be shown to high school students within the guidelines of this policy and policy IJA.

NC17 – media and excerpts may not be shown in any school or District facility.

R-rated – media may not be shown, however excerpts from R-rated supplemental media may be shown only in high schools with approval from the building administrators provided that the excerpts are appropriate for the age and maturity level of the students, and consistent with this policy and policy IJA.

4. Teachers may include the viewing of an R-rated resource in its entirety with parental approval as an optional homework assignment. For those students who elect not to view the R-rated resource, appropriate alternatives shall be made available.
5. When using media resources, teachers shall be prepared to respond to the following:
 - a. What is the rating of the media?
 - b. Will this media resource enrich and support the attainment of the educational objectives of the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities, intellectual development and maturity levels of the pupils, and the standards of the community?
 - c. Does the media resource contain any violence, nudity, or language which may be offensive or profane?

- d. What are the connections between the media and District checkpoints/content standards?
- e. What are the instructional goals?
- f. What alternative activities will be assigned for those students who do not have permission to view the media resource?
- g. How will classroom discussion of the material include students who participated in the alternative activity?

Teachers may petition for a waiver of these guidelines for all media resources with the exception of those rated R when shown in the entirety or NC17 pursuant to the media review process.

B.A.S.E. (Before and After School Enterprise) programs may show G and PG rated movies on site with parental permission.

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