

INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA

Purpose: The use of instructional media, televisions, films, videotapes, filmstrips, filmstrip-recorded combinations, computers and any other form of instructional media can be an integral part of the school curriculum. These methods of instruction can be used to directly supplement and add to the level of understanding of course objectives.

Guidelines: A teacher shall exercise caution and appropriate discretion if his/her selection of instructional media contains sexual, ethnic, racial and/or religious themes. All such instructional media, including, but not limited to, films and videotapes, regardless of their rating from the motion picture industry, cannot be shown to students without the prior written permission of the building principal. More specifically, films that are rated NC-17, R and X by the Motion Picture Industry shall not be shown in the district. Films rated G may be shown, while films rated PG and PG-13 may be shown with prior written permission by the principal and notification to the parent/guardian.

In selecting and showing films or television programs, staff members will be guided by the following:

NOTE: There must be a relationship to the curriculum and the content standards of the subject area in all areas of media.

1. TELEVISION

When using instructional television and/or cultural and enrichment television presentations of general interest to the community in addition to general curriculum materials, the program must be suitable to the maturity level of the viewing students.

If there is any question regarding the appropriateness of such programs, the teacher shall consult with the building principal for the purpose of obtaining written permission to show the programs.

2. FILMS, FILMSTRIPS and VIDEOTAPES

Films, filmstrips and/or videotapes may be used as teaching tools when the subject matter therein will result in a substantially increased understanding of objectives of the lesson.

The teacher must preview all instruction media to determine its content and its applicability to the subject area or objective being taught. If the media is listed as a curriculum resource, then it may be shown without obtaining written permission from the principal. If the teacher wants to use media not listed as a curriculum resource, the prior written permission must be given by the principal. Only G-Rated videotapes or movies may be shown and only with prior written permission by the principal. PG and PG-13 movies may be shown only with the permission of the principal and prior parental notification which will include an "opt-out" provision. If an "opt-out" is requested by the parent, an alternative activity will be planned for the student.

The principal must give written permission for the showing of any films, filmstrips and/or videotapes to multi-grade levels. Such showings shall be planned in advance by members of the school teaching staff and approved by the building administrator.

3. INTERNET ACCESS AND USE

The internet is a global electronic information infrastructure which can be used as a learning resource much the same way that books, magazines, video, CD-ROM, films and other media can be used.

However, because the Internet is relatively unregulated and constantly changing, the Board recognizes the potential for abuse of this important medium. It shall, therefore, be the responsibility of the Superintendent, or designee, to formulate a comprehensive Acceptable Use Procedure for Appropriate Use of the Internet.

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