

Instruction

Use of Commercially Produced Video Recordings

Classroom time for teaching and learning is limited. In addition, active rather than passive modes of instruction are more beneficial to students. Therefore, videos, including feature length movies and filmstrips, are to be used both appropriately and sparingly.

Videotapes will be selected and assigned to give support directly to instructional learning objectives contained within the Board approved curriculum.

Videotapes, when used, shall be selected for their direct relevance to the instructional program. General selection criteria should include the quality of the overall work and its individual parts; a fair, and accurate representation of the facts; and the reputation and significance of the writer, director, and/or performer.

Videotapes shall not be used for recreation, entertainment, or for other than planned instructional purposes.

The Board has established the following guidelines to govern the use of videos in its schools:

1. Video viewing time, on the average, is not to exceed the following limit: no more than three (3) hours per month.
2. A video is never to replace direct skills development with students, as called for in the various subject areas.
3. Video content must always be of recognized merit and relative to the curriculum.
4. In the case of a written work assignment, students generally must read the printed version of the material before viewing the video.
5. Students must respond critically to the presentation after viewing.
6. Full-length feature movie videos which directly support the school curriculum may be used in the classroom in keeping with the following requirement:
 - a. Only G-rated movie videos may be used at the elementary level.

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- a. Teachers must preview all videos before showing them to their students.
- b. Teachers will submit to the principal any videos which are planned to be used for instructional purposes.

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

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