

MOVIES

1.0 The use of movies to supplement the curriculum can enhance the educational experience for students. Movies should be of the highest quality/content and appropriate for age and/or grade level.

2.0 The chart below shall guide the selection of movies and the requirement for prior written permission:

RATINGS (based on current movie rating system)*				
Grade Level	G	PG	PG-13	R
Pre-K - 5	No prior permission is required.	Prior permission is required.	May not be shown at these grade levels.	May not be shown at these grade levels.
6-8	No prior permission is required.	Prior permission is required.	Prior permission is required.	May not be shown at these grade levels.
9/12	No prior permission is required.	No prior permission is required.	No permission is required	May not be shown at these grade levels.

2.1 No X-rated, NC-17, or R-rated movies shall be shown at any grade level.

3.0 When showing a movie which requires parental permission, staff shall notify parents/legal guardians in writing at least five (5) days in advance. Such notification shall include:

- 3.1 the name of movie and its rating;
- 3.2 rationale for showing the movie;
- 3.3 the description of an alternative activity if permission is not granted by the parent/legal guardian; and,

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3.4 a permission form which requires the signature of a parent/legal guardian and which is to be returned to the teacher.

4.0 Staff members may request a waiver to show a movie otherwise prohibited by this policy by following the procedure in Exhibit A and completing the form in Exhibit B.

5.0 This policy shall apply to all pre-K-12 programs, and to all before-and-after school programs sponsored by the District.

*The Code of Self-Regulation of the Motion Picture Association establishes the following ratings:

- G All ages admitted. General audiences.
- PG All ages admitted. Parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for pre-teenagers.
- PG-13 Parents are strongly cautioned to give special guidance for children under 13. Some material may be inappropriate for young children.
- R Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.
- X No one under 17 admitted. (Age limit may vary in certain areas.)

CROSS REFERENCES:

Code: 6220
Code: 6230

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MOVIES PERMISSION FORM

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian,

On _____, 20____, I will be showing the movie(s) entitled _____

to the class. Rating(s): _____

The reason for showing the movie is _____

In accordance with Superintendent Policy/ 6240, I am required to secure your permission for your child to watch this movie. If you wish to exclude your child from viewing this movie, you can anticipate that the following alternative activity will be available to him/her during this time:

If you have any questions, please contact _____ at _____.
(Teacher/sponsor name) (Phone number)

The best times to call are _____

** In Before & After School programs, etc., and other classes which focus on film study, teachers/sponsors may utilize a blanket permission form which indicates a group of movies and their ratings and dates on which they are expected to be shown.*



(Please sign and return to teacher/sponsor.)

G _____ has my permission to see the movie(s).

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

G _____ does not have my permission to see the movie(s).

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF SUPERINTENDENT POLICY 6240
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PROCEDURES

1. The requestor(s) is (are) responsible for submitting the waiver request at least four (4) weeks prior to the date proposed for showing the movie(s). The requestor(s) shall consult with the principal prior to submitting the waiver.
2. The principal of the school is responsible for informing staff of the waiver procedure and form.
3. All requests for waiver must be submitted to the Learning Services Department.
4. All requests for waivers will be acted upon within three (3) weeks of receipt by the Learning Services Department.
5. The requestor(s) is (are) responsible for assuring that all movies are appropriate to the content of the course and the maturity of the students.
6. The requestor(s) is (are) responsible for completing the Request for Waiver form. The requestor(s) may also provide written documentation on how the movie(s):
 - . stimulates growth in factual knowledge;
 - . encourages literary appreciation;
 - . develops aesthetic values;
 - . explores ethical standards.
7. The principal is responsible for assuring that the requestor(s) has (have) investigated other options, that the movie(s) in question is (are) the most appropriate vehicle for the learning, and that the waiver request procedures have been followed.
8. The Learning Services Department is responsible for reviewing the waiver request(s) and making a recommendation to the Superintendent, or his/her designee(s), regarding the appropriateness of the waiver.
9. If the waiver is granted and the movie(s) is (are) permitted to be shown, the requestor(s) shall:
 - A. Notify parent/guardians;
 - B. Provide opportunities for the movie(s) to be previewed in the school upon request;
 - C. Explain the content and rationale of the movie(s);
 - D. Obtain written permission from the parent/guardian of each unemancipated student to view the movie(s);
 - E. Maintain a file of the permission slips as well as a record of those who refused to allow their student to view the movie(s). These permission slips are to be kept on file at the school for the remainder of the school year.
10. The principal is to submit the number of students whose parents refuse to give permission to see a specific movie title to the Learning Services Department within two weeks following the showing of the movie.
11. The Learning Services Department is to submit a written report detailing the number of parental refusals to the Superintendent at the conclusion of each school year and to keep a log/database of prior approvals.

Note: Approval is course/grade level specific. Once approved, additional waiver requests are not necessary unless changes occur in the course/grade level.

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REQUEST FOR WAIVER TO SUPERINTENDENT POLICY 6240
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A waiver to Policy Code: 6240 (Movies) must be obtained from the Superintendent, or his/her designees, prior to the showing of the movie.

School _____ Requestor(s) _____

Grade Level(s) of Students _____ Content Area _____

Name of Class/Course (if applicable) _____

Movie(s) for Which Waiver is Requested: _____

Year of Release _____ Type of Movie (comedy, etc.) _____

Rating _____ Reason for Rating _____

Date Approval Needed _____

Rationale for Request:

A. Educational value:

B. Relationship to the curriculum:

C. If you could not show this movie(s), what would you do instead?

D. Why do you feel the movie(s) is/are preferable to the alternatives?

What educational alternatives will be provided for those who choose not to view the movie(s)?

Must be signed by the principal:

I support the submission of this waiver request. After consultation with the requestor(s), I know that other options have been considered, but believe that this request represents appropriate instructional material.

Principal Signature _____ Date _____

Date submitted to the Learning Services Department: _____

Date received by the Learning Services Department: _____