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Use of Video in the Classroom

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this regulation is to establish guidelines and procedures for approved use of video media in the classroom. Video resources can be powerful instructional tools, supplementary to the primary curriculum, illustrative of important curricular concepts and engaging students in learning.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF REGULATION

- A. Teachers may use a video resource when it is judged to be the best use of instructional time and necessary to reach the goal of the unit or lesson in the curriculum.
- B. A video resource may be shown for educational and learning purposes only, consistent with a specific teaching goal documented in a district curriculum guide or lesson plan.
- C. A video resource should not be used during the regular school day as entertainment or for a reward. Programs outside of the school day may use video resources in their programs however use must comply with copyright laws and District rules regarding age appropriate materials. Such use is not covered by Fair Use rules under copyright law.
- D. Any video resource showing shall be consistent with the Fair Use Law (U.S. Copyright Act).

III. PROCEDURES

- A. Teachers may select video resources by reference to the District list of supplemental learning materials, examination, reviews in educational journals, recommended lists, and standard bibliographic tools.
- B. Teachers shall preview the video resource prior to use in the classroom and shall select only age appropriate resources.
- C. If a teacher wishes to use a popularly released commercial video the following procedures shall be followed:
 - 1. the teacher shall complete the district video usage form and give it to the building principal two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled showing of the



video for approval. The MPAA rating code shall be indicated on the usage form.

2. The building principal shall notify the teacher of the principal's approval or disapproval within three (3) days of the time the teacher submits the video usage form.
 3. The teacher shall notify the parents or guardians five (5) days prior to a scheduled showing of a video, including the MPAA rating code, and provide another learning activity for a student if requested to do so by the parent or guardian.
- D. Teachers who invite guest speakers to their classrooms must inform the guest speaker of the terms of the district restrictions on the use of video resources in the classroom.

IV. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this regulation, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings.

- A. "video" or "video resource" shall include all video material whether physical or digital and whether commercially produced for the popular audience or otherwise produced or distributed, including streaming video via the internet.
- B. "popularly released commercial video" shall mean any video produced originally for the general consumer market and distribution through theatres, or by going directly to DVD, video tape or web based downloadable files and internet based streaming.
- C. "other video" shall mean for the purpose of this regulation any video production that is not a popularly released commercial video under section IV B including video produced expressly for the education market.
- D. "age appropriate" means that the rating codes on popularly released commercial video must be followed for students viewing the video in whole or in part.
- E. "rating codes on popularly released commercial video" shall mean the rating system used by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA), including the following ratings:
 1. G – General Audiences – for all ages
 2. PG – Parental Guidance Suggested – some of the material may not be suitable for children.



3. PG-13 – Parents Strongly Cautioned – some of the material may be inappropriate for children under 13.
4. R – Restricted – Under age 17 requires an accompanying parent or adult guardian.
5. NC-17 – No one 17 and under should view the video.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The principal or site administrator is responsible for ensuring that this regulation is adhered to within the school.
- B. Information Technology Services shall provide a district video resource approval form for use by schools and shall provide for its dissemination.
- C. Teachers are responsible for informing guest speakers in their classrooms of the district rules on use of video resources in the classroom.
- D. District employees and other staff who fail to follow these rules are subject to discipline in accordance with any Collective Bargaining Agreement or Contract under which they are performing.

Cross Reference:

MPS Policy 6411 (Learning Materials and Resources)

MPS Policy 6420 (Copyright)