

BETHEL PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: USE OF VIDEOS, DVDS AND FILMS FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES

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	<p style="text-align: center;">105.3. USE OF VIDEOS, DVDS AND FILMS FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES</p> <p>1. Purpose</p> <p>The prudent use of films/videos for instruction is encouraged. This policy explains the conditions upon which films/videos may be used in the classroom for assembly purposes.</p> <p>The purpose of this policy is to assist staff in the selection and use of video materials in the classroom.</p> <p>2. Guidelines</p> <p>Video materials, including such things as films, DVDs and videos, shall be categorized as follows unless written notice is provided to parents/guardians with the option of exempting their children from the activity:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General (G) or parental guidance (PG) audiences for K-6. 2. Parental guidance-13 (PG-13) audiences for grades 7-12. <p>Any film/video, will be previewed by the teacher, or teacher-team, as to suitability for the particular age level of students and relevancy to the curriculum. Films/ Videos with profanity and suggestive sexual material will not be permitted. After teacher review, the teacher will give the film to the building principal for review. The building principal may approve the showing of a PG for grades K-6 or a PG-13 film for grades 7-12.</p> <p>If there is a disagreement or question regarding the film's/video's appropriateness for classroom use, then the film/video will be reviewed by the Assistant Superintendent or the Superintendent and a decision shall be made.</p> <p>For any films/videos carrying a PG rating for grades K-6 or a PG-13 rating for grades 7-12, a parental permission form will be sent home in advance of the film/ video use. Parents/Guardians will have the opportunity to exclude their children from the showing of the film/video. Any student excluded will be given other meaningful assignments while the film/video is being shown.</p>
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Pol. 517	<p>Materials used in the instructional setting with a rating of G or PG for grades K-6 and PG-13 for grades 7-12, are to be used only after the following steps have been taken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The film has been previewed by the teacher(s) and is both content and age-appropriate and related to the curriculum.2. The film has been previewed by the administrator and approved.3. Permission slips have been sent home in advance.4. Any student excluded from the film will be given appropriate class work.5. The film will be discussed with the students after viewing. <p>There are certain films/videos, which have already been approved and made part of the approved curriculum. These films may be shown without parental permission slips as long as they are rated G or PG for grades K-6 and PG or PG-13 for grades 7-12. Edited portions of restricted (R) rated movies related to the curriculum may be shown with parental/guardian permission and with approval by the building principal.</p> <p>Videos/Films used for assemblies, holiday parties, class rewards, or any school sponsored activity, etc., are subject to this policy.</p> <p>Any staff member failing to comply with this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.</p>
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