

Classroom Use of Videos, DVD's, and Movies

1. Purpose

It is the policy of the New Home ISD to assure that time spent by students in pursuit of an education is wisely and prudently used. The Board recognizes that movies, videos, DVD's, and other audiovisual materials are important tools in the educational process. However, the use of such materials should be limited so that they are legally, appropriately, and effectively used in achieving legitimate educational objectives that supplement approved course curriculum.

2. Guidelines: Educational Relevance

1. The showing of videos, DVD's, movies, and other audiovisual materials must be limited to specific educational purpose.
2. General selection criteria should include the following:
 - a. Quality of overall work;
 - b. Fair and accurate representation of the facts;
 - c. Educational value;
 - d. Connection to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills
3. Video, DVD, or movie clip used in the classroom shall not include inappropriate language, depictions of violence, or inappropriate behavior.
4. Commercial movies, (i.e. movie's made for entertainment and shown in theaters) shown in their entirety are strongly discouraged and shall be approved in advance by an administrator.
5. When AV materials are used in a classroom during instructional time, there should be a pre-activity and a post-activity, in order to hold students accountable for the material.
6. Video should be used as a supplement to the lesson and not as the lesson. Faculty should weigh the value of the AV material against the instructional time it consumes.

3. Age Appropriateness

If commercial movies are shown in a classroom, the following rating guide will be followed:

- a. Only "G" rated films should be shown in grades K-6.
- b. "G" and "PG" films may be shown in grades 7-8.
- c. "G", "PG", and "PG-13" films may be shown in grades 9-12.
- d. No films or parts of films with the rating of "R", "NC-17", or "X" are to be shown.

4. Prior Viewing

All movies, clips, or video of any type must be previewed in their entirety before showing them in the classroom.

5. If you have a specific request that may fall outside these guidelines, please visit with an administrator regarding approved exceptions.