Instruction

Use of Commercially Produced Video Recordings

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

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

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

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The use of films and videotapes in school are subject to the following regulations:

1. All films and videotapes must be carefully previewed and evaluated by the teacher and be determined to meet identified learning objectives before they are used with students. Good taste and professional judgment must always be exercised when selecting video recordings for classroom use.

2. In general, copyright guidelines permit in-classroom use of a copyrighted videotape when it is used for instructional purposes in a teaching situation as is a lawfully made copy. *
   a. The school setting has been defined as a "semi-public performance." Therefore, public performance rights are reserved for the copyright owner or those given permission.
   b. Videotapes marketed for “home use” do not have the rights granted for public performance.

3. Non profit education institutions generally may use videotapes in the course of "face-to-face" teaching activities, without the need to obtain consent from the copyright owner if the following permissible guidelines are met:
   a. The video is a legally obtained lawful copy.
   b. The video must be used in the course of "face-to-face" **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**.
   c. The video activity must be carried out by an instructor or student.
   d. The video activity must be carried out in a classroom or similar place devoted to instruction.
   e. All video programming obtained from commercial sources outside the school's purchasing procedure through rental, lease or purchase must be approved for classroom use by the principal.
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4. Parents/guardians shall receive one week's advanced written notice when teachers plan to use commercial video recordings in the classroom with elementary students, or PG-13 with middle school students. Such notice shall include an accurate description of the contents of the video recording and where it may be obtained for parent/guardian review.

5. A video rated NC-17 shall not be shown under any circumstances.

6. Other media such as CD-ROM, laser disc and audio tapes, while not a part of the video rating system, should be selected and used applying the same criteria as videotapes.

7. Video tapes may not be used for recreation or entertainment, or for other than planned instructional purposes.

* e.g. “Grapes of Wrath” may be presented to a high school English class, but “Star-Wars” which if being shown for entertainment, would not be permitted unless copyright clearance has been obtained.


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CREC SCHOOLS

PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION FORM

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Date:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I am planning to show ________________________________ to my _____ grade ________ class. This film/video is rated ______________.

The rating is due to these factors: __________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________________

The purpose of seeing this film/video is to: _______________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________________

_____ The film/video will be shown in its entirety.

_____ Only the following portions of the film/video will be shown:

_____________________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________________

If you wish to preview the film/video, it may be borrowed or rented from:

_____________________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________
Signature of Teacher

Please sign below and return this form with your child or mail it to the address indicated. Please return this form on or before:

__________________________________________

Film/video

_____ My child has my approval to view this film/video.

_____ I do not want my child to view this film/video. Please substitute a meaningful, related, alternative activity.

Student: __________________________________________

__________________________________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian

School: __________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________