

Santa Barbara School Districts

Board Policy

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Instruction

GUIDELINES/POLICY FOR THE USE OF VIDEOTAPES, FILMS AND MOVIES

In general, teachers are encouraged to use supplementary materials that are relevant to curriculum objectives and appropriate for student's ages and abilities. By using such materials, teachers can introduce content and instructional strategies that enrich the curriculum, enhance learning, help students make critical judgments, and stimulate their intellectual growth. When selecting supplementary materials for classroom use (including videos, films or movies), teachers should carefully preview them and provide appropriate introductory and follow-up activities when using them with the students.

Specifically, videos, films, and movies shown to students must be relevant to the curriculum being studied and appropriate for the age and maturity of the students being taught. Videos, films, and movies owned by the Santa Barbara School District or by the Santa Barbara County Office of Education can be shown to students without prior approval if they are rated as follows:

Elementary:	"G" Rated
Junior High:	"G" and "PG" Rated
Senior High:	"G", "PG", and "PG 13" Rated

Videotapes, films, and movies with ratings other than these may be shown with prior notice to the building principals and the written approval of parents. The teachers shall notify parents that a film will be shown and students who do not receive written parental permission to view the film shall be excused to an alternative supervised activity. Procedures for implementation of this policy will be designed at the building level and may include use of the current procedure for approval of outside speakers, one permission slip at the beginning of the semester at time of registration indicating their desires in regards to films other than those rated as listed above.

Staff must adhere to the Copyright Act which allows the showing of a motion picture, videotape, and so forth without an educational performance license if the following conditions are met: (1) use taken place in areas designated for classroom instruction; (2) programs are shown as part of the instructional program, not for recreation or extracurricular activity; and (3) materials are used for face-to-face instruction.

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