

Administrative Regulations Policy 6.210 – R-Rated Films

The opportunity for public inspection of commercial film intended for classroom use, including those materials not specifically approved through the Board of Education, is required. Parents/community members may preview material through a request directly to the teacher or through the local school administration. Upon such a request, the teacher is required to postpone use of the instructional materials for the child of the requesting parents until written permission is granted by the parent for use of the material.

Teachers intending to use a full-length, theatrical release film, regardless of MPAA rating, in any District 200 school, regardless of grade level, must secure principal permission prior to showing.

By the end of the first week of each semester, all high school teachers are required to provide students and parents with a list of the R-Rated theatrical-release films and film clips that will be used for each class. Such notification may be delivered electronically, hand-delivered, and/or U.S. postal delivery and requires a return confirmation from the parent/guardian indicating parental consent and/or exception. One week prior to the point of instruction, teachers are required to provide an additional print or electronic reminder to parents and students of the use of any segment of an R-Rated film, film excerpt, or other such rated media.

Prior to the use of MPAA R-Rated films, film excerpts, or other such rated media, said films must be subject to the following approval process:

1. To initiate the approval process, the teacher will submit the film/clip as proposed to be shown in class along with an Approval of R-Rated Films Request form to their department chair.
2. The department chair will assess the submitted material, review the film/clip, and forward it with a recommendation using the Approval of R-Rated Film Request – Administrative Review form to the designated building-level administrator.
3. The building principal and/or designated building-level administrator will review all previous recommendations and approve or reject the request.
4. Once a film approval request reaches the building level, it must be approved by the building-level administrators at both schools. If the request is rejected by one school official, the film or film excerpt is also rejected for use at the other high school.
5. Upon approval, the teacher will inform parents of the use of R-Rated films as dictated by this administrative regulation using the Parent Notification & Permission Slip for Films or Movies Used as Supplemental Instructional Materials format.
6. Teachers shall not show any R-Rated film, film clip, or other media to any student without receiving express permission from that student's parent or guardian. Teachers will provide an alternate commensurate assignment to students whose parent/guardian denies permission or does not return the signed permission slip.