

**CLASSROOM FILMS/MEDIA MATERIALS  
SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

The procedures stated below are in reference to the use of films, "movies" or media materials as a part of classroom instruction, especially in reference to media materials not owned by the Oxnard Union High School District (OUHSD) or the Ventura County Superintendent of Schools (VCSS) Media Library.

- A. Media materials, including films and "movies," are to be shown only when there is a clear relevance to the daily lesson and curricular objectives of the course, and only if they are appropriate for the age and maturity of the students being taught.
- B. Teachers showing films in the classroom will honor all applicable laws related to copyright.
- C. Films rated "R," "NC-17," or "X" by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) are never to be shown in an OUHSD classroom.
- D. Whenever a film or videocassette not owned by the OUHSD nor the VCSS is to be shown in the classroom, the teacher will notify the Principal or Principal's administrative designee beforehand and obtain approval before using the media material in the classroom.
- E. Media materials and films are to be thoroughly previewed by the teacher before use in classroom instruction.
- F. If a material of sensitive subject matter is intended for classroom use, the teacher will first obtain approval from the Principal or Principal's administrative designee and obtain parent permission for the viewing of such material. In instances in which a parent does not approve of a student's viewing of sensitive subject matter, the teacher will provide an alternative assignment for that student.
- G. General commercial "movies" are not to be left as the lesson plan for a substitute teacher, unless this film is clearly a part of the lesson being developed for the class and meets the standards noted above.
- H. Students are not allowed to bring to school video materials to be shown in the classroom, unless this material is a part of a lesson or class project approved by the teacher.
- I. Films or media materials are not to be shown during the time allotted for semester final exams unless these, in whole or in part, are intended to serve as a "prompt" for a final exam question.

Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE**

233.5	Duty re instruction in morals, manners and citizenship
18111	Exclusion of books by governing board
51510	Prohibited study or supplemental materials
51511	Religious matters properly included
51550	Sex education materials
60010	Definitions

**COURT DECISIONS**

McCarthy v. Fletcher, (1989) 207 Cal. App. 3d 130

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