

PROTOCOL FOR SHOWING MOVIES OR STREAMING VIDEOS IN CLASS

General practice:

- Use of a copyright management product (*Swank*) does not exonerate educators from using the protocols defined.
- Educators must utilize services that allow for legal viewing of movies, clips, and videos. Library media specialists may be asked to support educators on selection.
- G rated movies allowed without explicit active written permission from families.
- When consent is required, guardians need to give explicit active written consent, rather than reverse consent.
 - Explicit active written consent is required anytime an entire film is viewed above accepted ratings for the grade range.
 - Explicit active written consent is required anytime a clip is viewed containing content above the accepted ratings for the grade range. If content is deemed to be at the appropriate level when vetted, no permission is needed.
- Whole films are discouraged as a use of class time.
- Whole films may be used, when appropriate and related to the Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum (GVC), as an occasional reward option.
- Clips of films may be used as a reward for special programming behavioral plans.
- Clips (less than 10 minutes) that have been carefully vetted by the educator are permitted to be used to address content standards.
- Educators must preview any content, in its entirety. This includes video used during academic breaks.
- Educators need to ensure learners will be actively engaged with the video utilized.
- When choosing to show a movie or short clip, educators must follow the guidelines in the table below.
- When learners do not have consent from their families, an alternative appropriate activity must be provided in an alternative setting.

Movie Rating	Recommendation	Rationale
R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Not allowed in its entirety – exceptions determined by building administration •Caution for a clip 9-12 – must be carefully vetted by the educator showing a short clip 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Restricted – under 17 requires an accompanying parent or adult guardian. •While an entire movie may have an R-rating, a short clip may support the GVC and be determined by the educator to be appropriate, the clip must be fully vetted first.
PG-13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Allowed for Grades 8-12 •Explicit Written Active Consent in Grades 6-7 •Strong Caution Explicit Written Active Consent in Grades K-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Parents strongly cautioned – some material may be inappropriate for children under 13. •The content must be fully vetted first.
PG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Allowed for Grades 6-12 •Explicit Written Active Consent in Grades K-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Parental guidance suggested – some material may not be suitable for children •The content must be fully vetted first.
G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Allowed for Grades PreK-12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •General audiences – appropriate for all ages
Unrated videos such as YouTube, CNN10, Fox Kids, DOGO, PBS, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •View in its entirety prior to showing it to the students. •Utilize <i>TeacherTube</i> to control advertisements when possible. •Use caution to prevent advertisements that may be inappropriate accompanying videos. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The content must be fully vetted first. •Avoid viewing live content that cannot be vetted first.