

### **Use of Feature Films/Videos in the School\*\***

Only films/videos rated G or PG may be shown as part of the school program. Instructors are required to preview all film media before showing to students. Prior to showing a feature film/video in a school, the instructor must seek the written approval of the principal or designee. At least 10 days prior to the showing, the instructor shall submit, in writing, to the principal the following information on the particular film:

1. Title and brief description;
2. Purpose for the showing;
3. Match with course objectives;
4. Proposed date of showing;
5. When and how parents will be notified or, if necessary, grant permission;
6. Audience rating and reason for rating (G, PG, PG-13, or R).

Recognizing that the rating system is a voluntary system sponsored by the Motion Picture Association of America and the National Association of Theater Owners, instructors should pay close attention to the presence of mature adult themes, obscene or profane language, gratuitous violence and explicit sexual content (including nudity). These are all criteria of interest and concern to parents and the Board. For this reason, instructors should use edited versions of PG, PG-13 or R rated films, when possible.

Additionally, instructors should consider using excerpts rather than entire films to maximize instructional time. If the selected edited version or excerpt from a PG, PG-13 or R rated film does not contain mature adult themes, obscene or profane language, gratuitous violence or explicit sexual content, then only parent notification is required.

If any of these features are included in the feature film, edited version or excerpt, then parent permission is required. Parent notification should include:

1. The name of the course and the film;
2. When the film will be shown;
3. The film's rating;
4. A brief explanation of why the film has that rating;

5. A description of the film or excerpt; and
6. An explanation of how the use of the film relates to the course or lesson objectives.

Notification shall provide a minimum one week time for parental response before the use of the film. A parental permission form shall be included the notification.