

Guidelines for Choosing Television Programs & Movies for the Classroom

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When choosing movies or television programs for classroom use, please be reminded of the following guidelines:

- **R-rated and NR** movies/clips and **TV-MA** shows/clips are not to be shown in any classroom, regardless of level or age.
- Movies with **PG or PG-13** and shows with **TV-14** ratings may only be shown with written permission from the parent or guardian. Schools must use the **approved form** when requesting permission (attached).
- All television programs and movies should **correlate to current content standards and the unit/concepts being taught**.
- All television programs and movies shown in the classroom must be viewed **entirely** by the teacher before classroom viewing.
- Principals must approve letters to parents regarding showing PG or PG-13 movies and TV-14 shows. The attached letter must be used and all information is required.

Ratings Definitions (www.mpaa.org)

Movie Rating Definitions (Rating Board Definitions)

Rating	Definition
G	General Audiences—All Ages Admitted
PG	Parental Guidance Suggested— Some Material May not be Suitable for Children
PG-13	Parents Strongly Cautioned—Some Material May be Inappropriate for Children under 13
R	Restricted—Under 17 Requires Accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian
NC-17	No One 17 and Under Admitted
NR	Not Rated (should be treated like R)

TV Rating Definitions (US Standard)

Rating	Definition
TV-Y	Program is well-suited for children between 2 and 6 years old. No foul language, violence or sexual content
TV-Y7	Free of profanity and sex. Programs may have some mild violence best suited for children over 7 years old.
TV-G	Suitable for general audiences, features little or no violence, sexual content or profanity
TV-PG	May contain suggestive dialogue (D), foul language (L), sexual content (S) or violence (V). Content is usually negligible
TV-14	Not recommended for children under the age of 14. Contain more excessive use of suggestive dialogue (D), foul language (L), sexual content (S) or violence (V).
TV-MA	Intended for audiences over the age of 17. Contains explicit language, sexual content or violence.