

Nebo School District Board of Education

Policy IIAB

CLASSROOM USE OF VISUAL MEDIA RESOURCES

I. PHILOSOPHY

Because of the availability of a large variety of movies, television programs, video cassette recordings, digital visual media and digital video discs, etc., herein all referred to as "visual media", it is increasingly necessary to exercise judgment and prudence in their classroom use. All visual media must be age appropriate and should be used for educational purposes only. They may be used to initiate, enhance or culminate teaching units. All visual media must be used under the direct supervision of the instructor and in compliance with applicable copyright laws and licensing agreements.

II. GUIDELINES FOR APPROPRIATE USE OF VISUAL MEDIA

A. A large collection of visual media is available to teachers through the District Instructional Media Center. **Visual media obtained from any other source must be approved by the principal prior to its school use.**

B. Educators are discouraged from showing movies or television programs which were originally produced for entertainment purposes. In some circumstances their use may be appropriate when directly related to curriculum content. However, use of any "entertainment type" movie or segment thereof, must be approved in advance by the school principal, regardless of whether it is part of the IMC collection or not.

C. Use of visual media in the classroom must be limited to instructional purposes, and not for entertainment or as a reward. Use of visual media in connection with school-wide entertainment or reward programs must be approved both by the school principal and by the School Community Council.

D. The instructional value of a particular piece of visual media shall be weighed against the value of the academic time it consumes. It is recommended that only those segments of a program which illustrate the topic or curriculum content be shown rather than viewing the program in its entirety. No visual media will be used in a classroom without having first been previewed by the teacher.

E. Scenes from any visual media that contain vulgarity, indecency, nudity and/or excessive violence or profanity are strictly prohibited in the classroom and in any school sponsored activities. Entertainment type movies with a PG rating, *parental guidance suggested*, will not be shown without parent/guardian permission. Movies rated PG-13, R, or NC-17 will not be shown in school or at school sponsored activities.

F. Any visual media related to maturation or healthy lifestyles must only be used under the limitations of Policy IGAI, *Healthy Lifestyles Education*.

G. Students should be guided by the teacher in connecting the visual media to academic content through pre- and post-activities related to the curriculum.

H. A videotape or DVD rented from a video store and marked "For Home Use Only" may not be shown at school, even with the principal's approval, unless a public performance license has been obtained.

III. TELEVISION PROGRAMS

A. Broadcast television programs give the teacher no opportunity to preview or control content and should

not be watched by students at school in most circumstances. Exceptions require approval by the school principal.

B. Curriculum related television programs may be recorded by a teacher for school instructional purposes. Under "Fair-use" copyright guidelines, such a recording may be shown to students no more than two times within ten (10) school days of the broadcast date, and the second showing may only be for instructional reinforcement. The recording may be held for an additional 35 calendar days for preview-to-purchase purposes only. After this allowable use, the program must be erased.

C. If the program which is recorded was originally produced for entertainment, rather than instructional purposes, the limitations on its use are the same as those for movies obtained from other sources as outlined in paragraphs IIB and IIC above.

D. Students are not allowed to record programs at home and bring them to school for viewing in the classroom.

IV. PARENT/GUARDIAN REVIEW OF VISUAL MEDIA

A. In order for parents/guardians to have the opportunity to review visual media that will be utilized as part of a course, a process for parent/guardian review of materials is hereby established. Upon written request from a parent/guardian, the teacher will send home a list and brief description of the visual media that will be viewed as part of the curriculum during the course. Supplemental lists may be sent home as new materials become available to the teacher.

B. If the parent/guardian has a specific concern about any of these instructional materials as they affect his/her student, the parent/guardian is invited to meet with the administrator and individual teacher to discuss the concern. Efforts will be made by the teacher and administrator to resolve the concern. Alternative learning activities of equal curricular value may be offered by the teacher or suggested by the parent/guardian. Students will not be expected to view the work in question until the concern can be resolved.

C. If the concern remains unresolved following this conference, the parent/guardian will be given a *Request for Review of Instructional Materials form* (Exhibit #IIA-E). The parent will return the completed form to the school administrator and he/she will schedule a review of the issue by the School Community Council.

D. If the School Community Council is unable to resolve the issue to the satisfaction of the school and the parent/guardian, it will be referred to the District Curriculum Committee. Decisions by the District Curriculum Committee may be appealed in writing to the Superintendent, using the *Parent/Patron Appeal Form*, (File #KLD-E). If, following a decision by the Superintendent, the parent/guardian is still unsatisfied, an additional appeal may be submitted to the Board of Education.

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