

## VIDEO USAGE IN CLASSROOMS

It is the policy of the Auburn Public School District to provide the following directions for video use in the education of students:

### I. VIDEO USAGE

- A. **Instructional Use:** The use of videos is for instructional purposes only. By law, any video that does not include “public performance rights” (something the Auburn Public School District, a local PTO or other school-related organization purchased exclusively for classroom use) must comply with the “fair use” provision of copyright law, as detailed below:
1. Be used with students in “face-to-face” instruction with the teacher.
  2. Be correlated to Auburn Public School District’s Curriculum Guidelines.
  3. Be shown in a normal instructional setting, (not in large group settings such as in an auditorium or assembly hall)
  4. Not be shown for reward, entertainment, fund raising, or the charging of admission.

### II. VIDEO RATINGS

- A. Auburn High School may show:
1. “G”, PG” and “PG 13” videos
  2. May show “R” rated videos with written approval of building administrator in advance. Before showing an “R” rated video in class, notification will be sent home with an explanation by the teacher of the content. Any Parent/Guardian who does not wish his or her child to view the “R” rated video should contact the high school principal. (Please note: if approved, this will be outlined in the student handbook in future years.)

Auburn High School may not show:

1. Videos with more restrictive ratings (e.g. NC-17, X).

- B. Auburn Middle School may show:
1. “G” and “PG” rated videos.
  2. May show “PG-13” rated videos with written approval of building administrator in advance. Before showing a “PG-13” rated video in class, notification will be sent home with an explanation by the teacher of the content. Any parent/guardian who does not wish his or her child to view “PG 13” rated videos should contact the building principal. (Please note: if approved, this will be outlined in the student handbook in future years.)

Auburn Middle School may not show:

1. Videos with more restrictive ratings (e.g. R; NC-17; X)

- C. Auburn Elementary Schools may show:

1. "G" rated videos.

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1. Videos with more restrictive ratings (e.g. PG 13, R, NC-17, X)

### **III. VIDEO SOURCES**

- A. Any video from a school district catalog media center may be shown to students. (Grade level recommendations should be observed.)
- B. All videos legally purchased by the school library/media centers may be shown if approved for purchase by a building administrator.
- C. Commercially rented videos carry individual restrictions and may be shown only with the approval of the principal.
- D. Privately owned videos may not be shown unless approved by a building administrator.

### **IV. EFFECTIVE VIDEO UTILIZATION**

- A. All videos must be previewed by the teacher before showing.
- B. Intended instructional outcomes must be written and filed on related Instructional Plans specifically identifying benchmarks from the Auburn Public School District Curriculum Guidelines to be addressed.
- C. Sound instructional principles that maximize instructional time should always be employed (e.g. show only relevant clips, inform students of the instructional purposes, stop and start video to integrate other instructional activities, use pre/post questions and discussions and assessment, etc.).
- D. Use of closed-captioning where applicable and available.

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