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## **Policy and Responsibility**

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SUBJECT: APPROPRIATE USE OF AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS

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I. BOARD POLICY

The Board is committed to quality and appropriate materials being used in teaching situations.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT REGARDING APPROPRIATE A-V MATERIALS:

Parents should be assured that inappropriate materials will not be shown to their children at school.

III. GUIDELINES:

1. Teachers shall show only those materials which are appropriate to the age of the students being taught, and which are appropriate to the specific curricular and/or instructional activity, content and purpose. Media other than state approved textbooks/materials shall be described in the Open Disclosure Statement, as required in Board Policy IN 307; section B "learning activities."
2. Material edited for education may be used and shall be noted as such, in the open disclosure statement.
3. Elementary Schools shall only show "G" rated movies.
4. Material rated "PG", if deemed critical to the teaching situation, could be shown after parent/guardian permission is obtained.
5. Material rated "PG-13", if deemed critical to the teaching situation, could be shown after parent/guardian permission is obtained. An exception may be made for classes in grades 6-9, by the Teaching and Learning Team. The educator requesting the permission must submit, in writing, the following information to the Assistant Superintendent.
  - The core standard(s) that is supported.
  - How the movie supports the core standard(s) for the grade level.
  - Activities/discussion/instruction planned about the movie.The educator must obtain permission of the principal prior to the submission of the

request to the Teaching and Learning Team. The educator must provide parents with a minimum of one week in advance of the movie. A parent may opt to have their child complete a separate activity/assignment in lieu of watching the movie.]

6. Material rated "R", "NC17", "X" are deemed inappropriate for students and will not be shown in schools.
7. After appropriate permission has been obtained, students who are to view material which contains strong language or graphic scenes must be warned before viewing. If a student or parent wishes any particular material not to be viewed by the student, appropriate alternative materials/assignments must be provided.