



AP 3-704 – EXPECTATION REGARDING THE USE OF MOVIES

BACKGROUND

As a community learning institution attended by children, we must reflect high critical community standards. Parents in their homes can be more flexible in their choices.

Our understanding is that the showing of films for purely entertainment purposes is not frequently done. These would be in relation to special times such as Christmas, term end, or the celebration of some significant class accomplishment.

PROCEDURES

- The study and use of visual media is both important and required in curricula. For instructional purposes, teachers use feature films as a part of unit, theme, or lesson planning and presentation.
- All movies must meet all copyright and public performance criteria.
- In respect to the appropriateness of movies shown for entertainment, the Board expects that movies will be previewed and selected by teachers on the basis of what is acceptable in a public school context.
- School Administration should be aware when a movie is shown for solely non-instructional purposes.
- Information in regards to movie classification ratings may be found on the Manitoba Film Classification website (<http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/mfcb/>). Only movies rated by the Manitoba Film Classification Board as suitable for the age of the student may be shown.
- Outlines of film content to students and parents beforehand may need to be considered where concerns can be anticipated.
- Parents will not be asked to support or give permission for the viewing of a movie which has been classified by the Manitoba Film and Classification Board as unsuitable.
- Arrangements for alternate activities for individual students may be necessary on the basis of student or parental concerns.

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