

PANORAMA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

VIDEO SELECTION POLICY

This policy is to be followed when selecting a video or portions of a video for use with students.

All videos must be previewed by the classroom teacher prior to showing the video to students. If you have concerns regarding the video, please review the Selection of Materials Policy and speak with your principal.

Determine the curriculum objective that the video supports.

For videos that are a standard portion of your curriculum, provide a list of these videos to all students in your class to take home to parents at the beginning of the semester.

If the video contains an element that is potentially offensive, use this three-fold test in determining whether the video should be shown. Potentially offensive elements could be but are not limited to the following: violence, nudity, substance abuse, sex, etc.

Gratuitousness: Does the objectionable material in question serve a purpose, or does it exist for its own sake?

Explicitness: Is the material, even if not gratuitous, more detailed than the purpose requires?

Moral Tone: Does the entire work approve or disapprove of the evil presented? Is the viewer attracted to or repulsed by the objectionable element?

Use these ratings when selecting videos:

PK - 5th Grades: G rated videos only

6th – 8th Grades: G or PG rated videos only

9th – 12th Grades: G, PG, or PG 13 videos only

If portions of R rated videos are used to demonstrate a learning concept, please follow the above criteria.

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Legal Reference:

Cross Reference:

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