

INSTRUCTION

Use of Outside Media Resources in the Classroom

It is the intent of the Kennewick School District to allow the use of outside resources and materials to enhance student learning in the classroom. All resources and materials including, but not limited to, films, print publications, television programs, and any kind of video must have instructional value, be related to the goals and objectives of our instructional program, and be included in the lesson plan. This is regardless of the format and the source of materials which may include materials that are copied, recorded, streamed via internet, or obtained from other sources. The following guidelines must be followed when determining appropriateness of any outside resources and materials brought into the classroom.

- I. All digital, video, or video like material derived from any media source whatsoever, including Internet video, internet or computer downloads, and television, must be previewed in their entirety by the teacher wishing to use the material. If there is any question regarding the appropriateness of this material the building principal will preview the video to determine its appropriateness after receiving the request form.
- II. Elementary students in grades K-5 will be shown only "G" rated films. "PG" rated films may be shown to students in grades 6-12 if they are previewed completely, approved by parents and principal., and permission received from parents. "PG-13" rated films may be shown to students in grades 9-12 if they are previewed completely, approved by the principal, and permission is received from parents. No "R," or "X" rated films may be shown at any time to any student.
- III. Elementary students in grades K-5 will be shown only "TV-Y" or "TV-G" rated shows. "TV-Y7", "TVY7-FV" or "TV-PG" rated shows may be shown to students in grades 6-12 if they are previewed completely, approved by parents and principal., and permission received from parents. "TV-14" rated films may be shown to students in grades 9-12 if they are previewed completely, approved by the principal, and permission is received from parents. No "TV-M" rated shows may be shown at any time to any student.
- IV. Unrated materials require special precautions. Unrated materials, regardless of format or source must be reviewed in its entirety and not contain graphic violence, nudity, sexual references, drug use, or profanity, none of which may be shown to students without prior approval. Any materials that contain the aforementioned must be reviewed by a principal for approval. Each issue or volume of a pre-approved periodical, newspaper, or publication need not be reviewed provided it is part of an approved curriculum or established scholastic program (such as Newspapers in Education), has instructional value, is related to the goals and objectives of our instructional program, and is included in the lesson plan.

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