

**CLASSROOM USE OF VIDEOS
AND MOVIES****Board Policy**

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees of Shelley Joint School District No. 60 to assure that the time spent by students in pursuit of an education is wisely and prudently used toward that goal. The primary function of a school is to educate. There are many videos and movies developed to be used as educational tools. The use of movies or videos, commercial or developed for educational purposes, as entertainment in lieu of education is prohibited.

Extreme care should be used in the selection and use of videos and/or movies within the schools of the District.

Suggested Implementation Guidelines

The following guidelines are developed to assist in the implementation of the policy:

1. The wise and effective use of movies or videos to enhance learning is encouraged when appropriate. Videos or films not directly related to curriculum and instruction in the classroom are prohibited. Exceptions are noted in section 8 of this policy.
2. Each school is expected to create within the Media Center a video and movie library, with appropriate checkout procedures for such movies or videos.
3. Before a video or movie may be shown in its entirety, it must be completely previewed by the teacher for inappropriate material as well as assuring appropriate curriculum concepts and age appropriateness for the class, and receive approval from the Principal.
4. The District may, as a part of a specific course content, or any given class or subject, designate certain videos or movies to be shown by providing that movie or video title on a list, with the proper notation as to how and where it is to be used. Such movies or videos may then be used without individual principal approval, as outlined above.
5. Videos or films rated R, NC-17 or X are not to be used in schools. PG-13 videos or films are not to be used in the elementary or middle schools and are not to be shown to students under the age of thirteen (13). Any unrated movie or video, which could reasonably be assumed would carry an R, NC-17 or X rating, if rated, shall not be shown within the school district. The determination to use an unrated video or movie will be made individually by the building Principal.

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6. Any movie or video which could be considered controversial or against the mores of the community, must receive prior approval by the building principal and the Superintendent of Schools.
7. The use of any movie or video containing a “PG” or “PG-13” rating or perceived eligible for such rating must be used with extreme caution. Appropriate age related video/movies are an integral part of the secondary school curriculum. Educational productions and classic videos which might contain a “PG” rating, if rated, may be used upon approval of the building Principal in conjunction with established curriculums.
 - a. Should a student or parent of a student object to the video or segment of a video to be used in the class, the teacher may excuse the student from the video presentation and provide alternative methods to obtain the material as presented as part of the approved curriculum.
8. G and PG rated movies may be used at school sponsored activities, activity and athletic trips, etc., with prior approval of the principal. Such movie must have those socially redeeming qualities conducive to the concepts of honesty, integrity, liberty, freedom, humaneness, morality, ethical behavior, etc.
9. No commercial movie or video may be copied in violation of copyright laws or regulations.
10. It is the sole responsibility of the building Principal to assure that all teachers are made aware of this policy, and that it is fully implemented.

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