

### **Television and Rated Movies in Schools**

#### **Educational Use**

The Board believes that certain television programs and movies, when used in relation to course objectives, will make a contribution to instruction and can add to students' level of understanding.

A teacher must submit the item to the building principal or designee for review and approval in accordance with administrative regulations (GBBB-AR). Administrative approval will be based upon the following:

1. Suitability given the maturity level of students.
2. The subject matter should be appropriate to the curriculum. In discussion of the program, its content should be integrated with curriculum objectives.
3. Free of ethnic, sex, or religious bias, unless this bias is used to point out the dangers of such views in connection with a curricular discussion of bias and prejudice.
4. When a program or film contains controversial material, approval will be based on a teacher's ability to handle the issue and provide adequate and appropriate materials that present all sides of the issue.
5. Availability of alternative sources to accomplish educational objectives.
6. Feasibility of using a lawfully edited version or specific portions of the movie or program rather than in its entirety without seriously weakening its educational value.
7. In format and content, meets fair use standards and complies with the copyrighted material policy.
8. Meets Motion Picture Association of America standards (see GBBB-AR).

Upon receiving administrative approval, teachers must notify parents/guardians of the upcoming showing and allow reasonable time for parents/guardians to opt their children out. Alternative assignments will be made available.

#### **Use for Reward and Entertainment**

District schools will not show television programs or movies as entertainment or reward during the school day.

The building principal will be responsible for notifying staff of this policy annually. Staff who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

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Complementary Documents

- ABCA, Copyright Material and Intellectual Property
- GAAA, Curriculum Design and Evaluation
- GBA, Academic Freedom

End of Bismarck Public School District Policy GBBB

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