

TELEVISION & MOVIES IN SCHOOLS

Educational Use

The Midway School District (District) 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. The following rules and procedures are to be used any time a teacher wants to use a television program or movie at school. This policy does not apply to educational videos that are provided with curricular materials or provided through recognized educational resources such as United Streaming or Learn 360.

A teacher must submit a request to use a television program or movie to the building Principal for approval. The building Principal may choose to review the item before giving approval. 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 objects.
3. Free from 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.

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 & Entertainment

The use of a television program or movie as a reward or for entertainment purposes should be extremely limited. Each school will receive a site license prior to showing a movie or television program as a reward or entertainment. The format and content of the item to be shown must comply with federal

copyright laws. Teachers must submit the television program or film to the building principal for review and approval in accordance with the factors and procedure listed above. Works containing excessive violence, excessive profanity, sexually explicit material, and/or promotion of drug and alcohol use will be prohibited from being shown to students as a reward or entertainment unless the building principal believes an exception is warranted. Upon receiving administrative approval, teachers must notify parent/guardians of the upcoming showing and allow reasonable time for parents/guardians to opt their child out.