

TOLLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Tolland, Connecticut

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

Regarding: Guidelines For Use
Of Videotapes, Films And Other
Media In The Classroom

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Teachers shall examine all films and videotapes used in the classroom to determine that the materials used are age appropriate and related to the curriculum. Teachers shall use the guidelines set forth below to aid in making this determination. If the teacher has a question whether videotapes, films or other media are age appropriate, he/she shall review the materials with his/her department chair, or with an administrator in his/her building, prior to using the materials within the classroom.

Note: For computer related materials, the Board's Policy on Student Use of the District's Computer Systems and Internet Safety (Policy 5140) and the Board's Regulation on Student Use of the District's Computer Systems (Regulation 5140) shall control.

Ratings:

G rated films and videotapes may be shown in the classroom at any level.

PG rated films and videotapes may be shown at the middle school level and the high school level. PG rated films and videotapes may also be shown at the elementary school level after review and approval by an administrator within the building where the film or videotape will be shown.

PG-13 rated films and videotapes may be shown at the high school level. PG-13 rated films and videotapes may also be shown at the middle school level after review and approval by an administrator within the building where the film or videotape will be shown. Whenever any PG-13 rated film is to be utilized at the middle school level, the parents and the Superintendent will be notified in writing in advance of showing any portion of the film.

R rated films and videotapes may only be utilized for showing at the high school level after editing out objectionable segments as deemed appropriate by the high school principal. Whenever an R rated film or videotape is to be utilized at the high school, the parents and the Superintendent will be notified in writing in advance of showing any portion of the film.

NC-17 and X rated films and videotapes shall not be shown.

If a film or videotape has not received a rating, then the teacher shall examine the film or videotape to determine whether the material is age appropriate and related to the curriculum. If the teacher has a question whether unrated videotapes or films are age appropriate, he/she shall review the materials with the building administrator where the film will be shown, prior to using the film or videotape within the classroom or at a school related activity.