

Use of Feature Films/Videos**

School district policy allows parents to preview films that will be shown in a classroom. For films rated PG or PG 13, parents who do not want their students to view a film may sign a form that allows their student to opt out of watching the film. A simple form will be included with each of the three options listed below that parents may sign and return, stating their preference to have their student opt out of watching a particular film.

Staff members may address this issue in one of three ways:

1. Films that will be shown over the course of each trimester will be listed in the class syllabus so that parents may preview the film and or have their student opt out of watching the film. Parents who wish to have their student opt out of watching the film/video, will sign a form expressing their wish to have their student not watch the film/video. In the event that a student's parent chooses to have him or her opt out of watching a film, the student will be given an alternative activity that can replace the film and the student will not be punished for not watching the film. **OR**
2. The teacher will send home a list of the films that will be viewed in the classroom over the course of the trimester so that parents may preview the film and decide whether they would like their student to opt out of watching the film/video. Parents who wish to have their student opt out of watching the film/video, will sign a form expressing their wish to have their student not watch the film/video. Again, for students whose parents have them opt out of watching a film, that student will be given an alternative activity that can replace the film and will not be punished for not watching the film. **OR**
3. The teacher will send home one week prior to the event an announcement stating that a particular video or film will be watched in class on a given date and notify parents that they may preview the film/video before it is shown in class. Parents who wish to have their student opt out of watching the film will sign a form expressing their wish to have their student not watch the film/video. Again, for students whose parents have them opt out of watching a film, that student will be given an alternative activity that can replace the film and will not be punished for not watching the film.