

VIDEO USAGE IN CLASSROOMS

This policy should be distributed annually to all professionals and clerical staff in each school building. It should also be distributed to teaching assistants. The signature of each person to whom this policy is given should be secured acknowledging receipt of the same.

It is the policy of Hull Public Schools to provide the following directions for video use in the education of students:

I. VIDEO USAGE

- A. Instructional Use: The primary use of videos is for instructional purposes. By law, any video that does not include “public performance rights” (something the Hull Public Schools purchased exclusively for classroom use) must comply with the “fair use” provision of copyright law, as outlined in the attachment to this policy statement. This requires that videos:
1. Be used with students in “face-to-face” instruction with the teacher;
 2. Be correlated to Hull Public Schools Curriculum Guidelines;
 3. Be shown in a normal instructional setting, (not in large group settings such as in an auditorium or assembly hall); and
 4. Not be shown for reward, entertainment, fund raising, or the charging of admission.
- B. Non-instructional Use: Only videos that include “public performance rights” may be used for reward and entertainment. The building Principal must approve videos shown solely for reward or entertainment.

II. VIDEO RATINGS

- A. L.M. Jacobs School may only show “G” rated videos.
- B. Memorial Middle School
1. May show “G” rated videos;
 2. May show “P.G.” rated videos with approval of building administrator; and
 3. May not show videos with more restrictive ratings (e.g. P.G.13, R, NC-17, X).
- C. Hull High School
1. May show “G”, “P.G.”, & “P.G.13” videos;
 2. May show “R” rated videos with approval of building administrator and parental permission;
 3. May not show any video with more restrictive ratings (e.g. NC-17, X).

D. All Schools

Videos requiring sign-off as indicated above may be shown in classrooms where appropriate for instructional purposes, provided that the building administrator has given approval in writing and written permission has been received from the parents / guardians of students who will watch same. Included with the permission slip sent to parents / guardians will be an explanation by the teacher of the content of the video to be watched by students.

III. VIDEO SOURCES

- A. Any video from a school district catalog media center may be shown to students. (Grade level recommendations should be observed);
- B. All videos legally purchased by the school media centers may be shown if approved for purchase by a building administrator;
- C. Commercially rented videos carry individual restrictions and may not be shown; and
- D. Privately owned videos may not be shown unless approved by a building administrator.

IV. EFFECTIVE VIDEO UTILIZATION

- A. All videos must be previewed by the teacher before showing;
- B. Intended instructional outcomes must be written and filed on related Instructional Plans specifically identifying benchmarks from the Hull Public Schools Curriculum Guidelines to be addressed; and
- C. Sound instructional principles that maximize instructional time should always be employed (e.g. show only relevant clips, inform students of the instructional purposes, stop and start video to integrate other instructional activities, use pre/post questions and discussions and assessment, etc.).

*see attached FAIR USE GUIDELINES FOR EDUCATORS

SOURCE: National School Board Association