

SECTION VI – INSTRUCTION  
(6000-50)

**Guidelines for Viewing Films in the Classroom**

All films should relate directly to educational goals and must be previewed in their entirety by the teacher.

**Films or video tapes rated by the Motion Picture Association of America:**

G	may be shown at all levels
PG	may be shown at all levels, but must be pre-approved at the elementary level with a “Sensitive Material Parent Permission” form
PG-13	may be shown at all levels, but must be pre-approved for students under the age of 13 with a “Sensitive Material Parent Permission” form
R	may be shown at the secondary level, but must be pre-approved with a “Sensitive Material Parent Permission” form and edited for educational use, as appropriate
NC-17	cannot be shown at any time in the schools

**Un-rated:**

- Can be shown at all levels if instructional and produced for educational use, purchase, and/or distribution.
- Foreign films or other films that have not been rated may be shown subject to the principles and guidelines outlined above for rated films.

Film ratings are based on the film’s level of violence, language, sexual frankness, and adult subject matter. The rating assigned to a video tape or film should be a guide as to whether student viewing is appropriate. If a teacher is uncertain about its appropriateness, he/she is encouraged to confer with colleagues.

All Federal copyright guidelines must be observed.

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