

***Videos in the Classroom***  
***( See CKSD District Policy #2020 for complete Guidelines )***

CKSD recognizes the use of off-air recordings and videos as a legitimate and beneficial instructional tool when used with professional judgement to enhance the learning of students. At times, the use of commercial films is an effective way for a teacher to achieve instructional objectives. However, those instances require careful thought due to the time commitment involved in the use of most films and the high entertainment value of commercial films that can detract from the educational objective. In keeping with good instructional practices, the conscious decision to use off-air recordings and videos should be balanced with the use of a wide variety of other instructional tools and methods. The following guidelines have been established regarding the use of videos and off-air recordings as part of the instructional process:

1. Compliance with all aspects of copyright law pertaining to the use of off-air recordings and videos as stipulated in School District policy is required. See sections D, E, and F of 2025P.
2. All recordings and videos will be previewed in their entirety by the teacher prior to viewing by students.
3. Selections criteria for off-air recordings and videos shall include:
  - a. Appropriateness for grade level, interest, and maturity of students;
  - b. Correlation to District educational goals, curriculum, and essential learnings; and
  - c. Adherence to the following steps pertaining to the various ratings developed by the Motion Picture Association of America:
    - a) **The viewing of any Motion Picture Association of America (MP AA) rated recordings and videos requires written parent/guardian permission. The following guidelines are to be followed in addition to obtaining written permission:**
      - G-and PG-rated recordings or videos may be shown to students in grades K-12**
      - PG-13 may be shown to students 13 years and older**
      - R-rated may be shown to students in grades 10-12**
    - b) **NC-17 and X-rated recordings and videos may not be shown in schools.**
    - c) **Unrated recordings and videos may be shown at all levels if instructional and produced for educational use, purchase, and/or distribution. Other unrated recordings and videos, including foreign productions, may be shown subject to the principles and guidelines outlined above for rated recordings and videos.**
  - d. Instructional staff shall complete and retain in their files the "Statement Regarding Video and Off-Air Recording Use" for each item used with students. Parent/guardian signed permission forms should also be retained for one school year. (See sample documents in Policy 2020P)
  - e. Preparation of the students for the viewing experience and follow-up activities shall be provided to encourage critical thinking and viewing skills.
  - f. Teachers shall have alternative learning activities prepared for those students whose parents/guardians elect to exempt them from the viewing of the off-air recording or video.
  - g. Copies of parent/guardian permission forms shall be filed with the building principal, and shall be provided to parents at least 7 school days prior to showing the film, providing parents a reasonable amount of time to respond.

All R-rated movies must be approved by the Instructional Materials Committee before classroom use. This policy and the outlined procedures are written, ultimately, to protect classroom teachers.