

VIDEO USAGE IN CLASSROOMS

This policy should be distributed annually to all professionals and clerical staff in each school building. All staff members must sign a form acknowledging that they have received and read the policy.

It is the policy of the Tantasqua Regional School District 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 Tantasqua Regional School District 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 Tantasqua Regional School District Curriculum Guidelines.
 - 3. Be shown in a normal instructional setting, (not in large group settings such as in an auditorium or assembly hall)
 - 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 and must have permission received in writing from the copyright holder.

II. VIDEO RATINGS

- A. Tantasqua Regional Junior High School may show:
 - 1. “G” and “PG” rated videos
 - 2. “PG-13” rated videos with approval of building Principal.
Parent/Guardian notification of potential PG -13 video viewing will be included in the student handbook. Any parent/guardian who does not wish his or her child to view PG 13 rated videos should contact the building principal as outlined in the student handbook.

Tantasqua Regional Junior High School may not show:

- 1. Videos with more restrictive ratings (e.g. R; NC-17; X)
- B. Tantasqua Regional Senior High School may show:
 - 1. “G”, PG” and “PG 13” videos
 - 2. May show “R” rated videos with written approval of building administrator in advance. Before showing an “R” rated video in class, notification will be sent home with an explanation by the teacher of the content. Any Parent/Guardian who does not wish his or her child to view the “R” rated video should contact the high school principal as outlined in the student handbook.
 - 3. May not show any video with more restrictive ratings (e.g. NC-17, X).

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.
- 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 Tantasqua Regional School District Curriculum Guidelines to be addressed.
- 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.).
- D. Use of closed-captioning where applicable and available.

*see attached FAIR USE GUIDELINES FOR EDUCATORS

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