

# 596 VIDEO/MOVIE/TELEVISION USAGE

## I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a clear statement regarding the use of videos, and movies and television in and out of the classroom setting at Dover-Eyota Public Schools.

## II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The school district believes that media technology such as videos, and movies and television can be beneficial to student learning but that limits must be set to maintain appropriate usage.

## III. PROCEDURE

A. Videos, movies and television programs shown in and out of the classroom setting at Dover-Eyota Public Schools will be age appropriate, using the Motion Picture Association ratings.

B. The staff member presenting the video, movie or television program must preview it prior to its presentation to students. If the staff member has any concerns about content of the video, or movie or television program, it is recommended he/she not show it and discuss his/her concern with the building principal.

C. If a video, movie or television program is out of the age appropriate rating for that group/student, the teacher must get a signed parent permission slip and have alternate activities available. The permission slip shall contain the following:

1. title of video/movie/television program;
2. rating/age appropriateness of the video/movie/television program;
3. when video/movie/television program will be shown;
4. why video/movie/television program is being shown (indicate educational value);
5. indicate alternative activities;
6. parent signature line;
7. sent home at least five (5) school days in advance of the movie/video/television program showing;
8. if students do not return the permission slip, it should be assumed the parent is not giving permission and the student cannot view the video/movie/television program;
9. encourage parents to visit the class during the video/movie/television viewing.

#### **IV. EXPECTATIONS**

A. It is the expectation of the Dover-Eyota School System that the principals and staff will control the viewing of television, movies and videos during school time. It is the School Board's opinion that, merely because the technology is available, does not necessarily make it acceptable for students to view.

B. Use of television, movies and videos shall be for instructional purposes and should be incorporated into the lesson plan. They should not be used for entertainment purposes.

C. The staff is encouraged to avoid showing students movies, videos and television programs that would be unacceptable by school district standards. Examples of unacceptable material would include:

1. R-rated;
2. sexually explicit;
3. containing swearing or vulgar language or actions;
4. dealing with illegal use of drugs and alcohol;
5. dealing with controversial topics.