

## MOVIES AND “R” RATED MOVIES

**In accordance with long-standing past practices:** Movies utilized in the classroom are to tie to the curriculum, unless the movie being shown is for recreational purposes. “Recreational purposes” are those that students have earned as a privilege for some accomplishment(s) i.e. taking students to a movie theater.

*Due to copyright laws, showing video cassettes and dvd’s for entertainment or reward purposes in schools is prohibited. Showings of this sort are considered public performances and require appropriate performance rights or license. According to copyright legislation, a video cassette or dvd may only be shown in the classroom if it specifically relates to the curriculum taught in that specific classroom.*

### **Movie Ratings:**

“R” rated movies shown as part of the instructional program must tie directly to the curriculum and, prior to any student being allowed to watch an “R” rated movie, parental permission must be obtained. Parents must be given specific notice in writing that “R” rated movie will be shown in a specific classroom on a specific date and the purpose for showing the movie must also be stated. Parents must be informed that they have the right to opt out (in writing) for their students.