



## Film or Movie Policy at MCS

### POLICY: For selection and use of Movies, Videos and DVD's

#### Overview

Miramar Central School believes that movies, videos and other audiovisual materials are important tools in the education process.

Teachers can introduce content and instructional strategies that enrich the curriculum, enhance learning, help students make critical judgments and stimulate their intellectual growth.

#### Guidelines

The following guidelines reflect how and when movies and videos may be used as an instructional strategy to supplement the curriculum. Nothing in this guideline grants parents, students, or school staff, the authority to prohibit an approved movie showing, based solely on individual objections.

#### Year level 0 (5 yr olds) to 6 (11 yr olds)

- Only G rated movies may be shown without parental permission.
- PG – Must be approved by the Deputy Principal in consultation with the Principal. After this approval, written parental consent is required (complete attached form).
- PG13, R – rated (13, 16, 18) or M - mature **will not be** shown at all at Miramar Central School.

#### Review, Approval and Proper Use of Movies and Videos Rated PG ONLY

##### Steps for Approval

When a teacher desires to show a movie, or a segment of a movie they:

- shall preview the film to determine if it is consistent with the above criteria.
- must take their recommendation to the Deputy Principal to seek approval.

Upon receiving a request for review, the Deputy Principal (in consultation with the Principal) shall make a decision to approve or not after considering the paperwork and the following:

- The age, maturity and sophistication of the group of students.
- The movie or video's classification.
- The presence of profanity, sexual content, prejudicial stereotypes or violence in the movie or video.
- The course curriculum and educational benefit of the movie or video.
- Teachers and management will demonstrate caution in approving films with potentially

objectionable material such as unnecessarily graphic violence, unnecessary sexual content / behaviour, racially inflammatory epithets , obscene language or anything else deemed unsuitable.

### **Parent Notification and Waiver of Participation**

- Parents shall receive written notification of the proposed showing, at least five (5) school days prior to the movie or video showing.
- The form will be sent home (attached) to be completed by a Parent or Guardian and returned to the school.
- If a Parent or Guardian objects to a student viewing an approved movie or video, the teacher shall not allow the student to view the movie or video.
- The teacher shall provide the student alternate work relevant to what is being studied.
- If the form is not returned by the due date, the student will be deemed to have been granted consent to view the movie or video.

### **Censorship**

All overseas films with out a New Zealand Classification can not be shown. New Zealand released titles have labels with a rating or classification symbol and usually a descriptive note briefly explaining the nature of content in the film that may be of concern to viewers, for example, whether the film contains violence or sex.

### **Rating Labels**

Ratings are assigned to unrestricted films. Ratings are usually applied by the Film and Video Labeling Body. There are different levels of ratings, including:

#### **G – Unrestricted**

Anyone can be shown or sold this. The G rating can be given by the Film and Video Labeling Body and the Office of Film and Literature Classification.

#### **PG – Unrestricted**

Parental guidance may be needed for younger viewers. The PG rating can be given by the film and Video Labeling Body and the Office of Film and Literature Classification.

**It is important to remember that not all G or PG level films are made for children and many are aimed at an adult audience.**

The Principal will be responsible for monitoring compliance with these guidelines. The Principal, Board Chair and Staff Rep will meet every 2 years in December (as per review cycle) to review the guidelines effectiveness and modify it accordingly.

*Principal consulted with BOT 5.09.18. Signed by BOT Chair and Principal in consultation with Peter McFarlane (BOT - Policy Representative Portfolio). Dated 9 September 2018.*



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**TO ACCOMPANY WITH THE CLASS LETTER TO PARENTS / CAREGIVERS**

**Title:**

**Purpose for showing movie:**

**Brief Description of plot or theme:**

**Match with learning objectives:**

**Is the movie a viable option for instruction of the information?**

**Proposed date of viewing:**

**Audience Rating:**

**This table completed by the teacher**

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Parental Permission Slip:

***Please return to class teacher by*** \_\_\_\_\_

I do give permission for my child to view the above showing

I do not give permission for my child to view the above showing

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_