

**USE OF VIDEOTAPES AND OTHER MEDIA**  
**Regulations**

**Purpose:** These regulations establish standard procedures governing the selection and classroom use of video and media materials (off-air recorded television, video programs, video tapes and movies, etc) in the Goffstown School District.

**Definition:** Videotapes and other media include materials which are selected by the District or the instructor for use in the classroom.

**Commercial film rating guide:** (obtained from Pat Simmons Hoyts Cinemas)

"The movie rating system is a voluntary system sponsored by the Motion Picture Association of America and the National Association of theatre Owners. The rating system provides parents with advance information on films, enabling parents to make judgments on movies they want or don't want their children to see. Parents give the movies their ratings. This is a specially designated committee called the Film Rating Board of the Classification and Rating Administration. They view each film and make an educated estimate as to which rating most American parents will consider the most appropriate. The criteria used is based on theme, language, violence, nudity, sex and drugs as well as how these elements are employed in the context of each film. The rating system is not law and is strictly voluntary. While the decision to enforce the rating system is purely voluntary the overwhelming majority of theaters follow the Classification and Rating Administration's guidelines and diligently enforce its provisions"

**Ratings:**

**G - General Audience** - All ages admitted. Signifies that the film rated contains nothing most parents will consider offensive for even their youngest children to see or hear. Nudity, sex scenes and scenes of drug use are absent; violence is minimal; snippets of dialogue may go beyond polite conversation but do not go beyond common everyday expressions.

**PG - Parental Guidance** suggested - some material may not be suitable for children. Signifies that the film rated may contain some material parents might not like to expose their young children to. Material that will clearly need to be examined or inquired about before children are allowed to attend the film. Explicit sex scenes and scenes of drug use are absent; nudity, if present, is seen only briefly, horror and violence do not exceed moderate levels.

**PG-13 - Parents Strongly Cautioned** - Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13. Signifies that the film rated may be inappropriate for pre-teens. Parents should be especially careful about letting their younger children attend. Rough or persistent violence is absent; sexually-oriented nudity is generally absent; some scenes of drug use may be seen; some use of one of the harsher sexually-derived words may be heard.

**R - Restricted** - Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian. Signifies that the rating board has concluded that the film rated may contain some adult material. Parents are urged to learn more about the film before taking their children to see it. An R may be assigned due to, among other things, a film's use of language, theme, violence, sex or its portrayal of drug use.

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**NC17** - No one 17 or under admitted. Signifies that the rating board believes that most American parents would feel that the film is patently adult and that children age 17 and under should not be admitted. The film rated contains explicit sex scenes, an accumulation of sexually-oriented language, and/or scenes of excessive violence. The NC17 designation does not, however, signify that the rated film is obscene or pornographic in terms of sex, language or violence.

**District Regulations on Movie Ratings**

The ratings and guidelines set forth by the Motion Picture Association and will be honored.

- 1) G rated media material may be shown at all grade levels.
- 2) PG rated media material may be shown beginning in grade 4, with parental notification.
- 3) PG13 rated media material may be shown beginning in grade 7. Parental permission must be obtained for any student under the age of 13 (see permission procedures)
- 4) R, NC17 and X rated films will not be shown.
- 5) Unrated commercial media material must be previewed by the building principal and approved for viewing.
- 6) In the event that an exceptional R rated media resource needs to be shown to illustrate or otherwise enhance subject content being taught, the following guidelines will be followed:

There is no other age appropriate resource that can meet the identified learning objectives.

This exception can only apply to Juniors and Seniors.

The Principal must approve the resource.

Upon approval, parental consent must be obtained using the regulation form and other media material must be provided for any student whose parents do not want them viewing the R rated media.

**Procedures:**

Under no circumstance during school hours will a student be charged a fee to use or to view media material.

When prior written parental permission is required the following procedure and form must be used. Permission must be obtained using district form. Notification must be sent home no less than seven (7) days prior to viewing.

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**Parent/Guardian Permission Form  
Goffstown School District  
For Media Viewing**

Date\_\_\_\_\_

I am planning to show (name of movie)\_\_\_\_\_

to my \_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_ class. This film/video is rated \_\_\_\_\_.

This rating is due to: (be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of seeing this film/video is: (viewing objectives, curriculum connection)

If you wish to preview this film/video, it may be borrowed or rented  
from:\_\_\_\_\_.

If you do not wish your child to view this film, an alternative, age appropriate, same topic,  
curriculum-aligned film will be made available for your child to view during this class in a  
different location. This film is\_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher

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**Permission Slip**

Please sign and return this form with your child by: (date) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ My child has my permission to view this film/video/media material.

\_\_\_\_ I do not wish my child to view this film/video/media material. Please substitute the age  
appropriate, same topic, curriculum-aligned alternative viewing.

Student name : \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

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to my \_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_ class. This visual media is rated \_\_\_\_.

This rating is due to: (be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

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The purpose of seeing this film/video is: (learning objectives, curriculum connection)

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If you wish to preview this film/video, it may be borrowed or rented from: \_\_\_\_\_.

If you do not wish your child to view this film, an alternative, age appropriate, same topic, curriculum-aligned film will be made available for your child to view during this class in a different location. This film is: \_\_\_\_\_.

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Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_