

# **Morgan School District**

## **Movies in the Classroom 2022**

Morgan School District supports the strategic use of video media to enhance instruction when used within the confines of law and best instructional practices. Showing portions of a professionally produced video media (i.e. educational videos, documentaries, consumer video and streaming services, educational video and streaming services, library video and streaming services, feature films, movie, TV show, etc.) in the classroom is acceptable when:

- used to support instructional goals aligned with guaranteed/ targeted/ identified curriculum
- utilized in accordance with law and best instructional practice outlined herein.

Showing a full-length, feature film in the classroom for entertainment, reward, or incentive is not allowed in the Morgan School District.

The principal has discretion to allow rare exceptions to this policy.

### **Selection and Utilization in the Classroom**

Federal guidelines have been established to facilitate appropriate selection and utilization of the video in the classroom. Individual faculty/staff members and building administrators have the responsibility for implementing these guidelines. When a teacher shows any film that does not include “public performance rights” he or she must comply with the “Fair Use” provision and Chapter 1, Section 110 of the U.S. Copyright Act. The following is a summary of the guidelines from those documents. Video media should:

- Be used by teachers in the course of “face to face” instruction with students
- Be directly related to the curriculum and the current instruction
- Be correlated with targeted and identified instructional objectives
- Be shown in the normal instructional setting.
- Be “lawfully” made.

### **Instructional Practices for using Video Media to Support Learning**

Showing any video media requires pre-approval steps outlined below and concludes with approval from the school principal. To prepare for approval teachers should:

- Select titles that are aligned with the curriculum.
- Carefully choose segments of a film that are applicable to the instructional content.
- It is not recommended to show any feature film in its entirety.
- Clips longer than 15 minutes are not recommended due to decreased student engagement.

- Preview media clips from start to finish to ensure age and content appropriateness.
- G rated content does not require parental permission. Any content clipped from media with a PG or a PG-13 rating requires parental permission. Content with an R rating is not allowed.
- Utilize identified platforms (i.e. Nearpod, ViewPure, SafeShare, Adblock, Quietube, ect) to ensure the elimination of unintended content and ads while streaming video in the classroom.

During instructional use of video teachers should:

- Scaffold use of video through direct face-to -face instruction which highlights curriculum connections and content application.
- Introduce the media clip and explain the curricular connection.
- Pause to stop the media to emphasize points and to encourage interaction.
- Provide a culminating or follow-up activity to reinforce the instructional content
- Limit the use of video media to less than 33% of any single class period/ subject, school day, or school week.

Persons other than Morgan School District instructional staff (i.e. parents, students, or guest speakers) showing a film in the classroom, the prior approval process should be followed and permission from the building principal granted.

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