

## **SERIES 300 – INSTRUCTION**

### **Instructional Resource and Services – 360**

#### **Selection of Films and Movies (361.3)**

The Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton Board of Education recognizes that it is the district's responsibility to student and parents to ensure that subject matter in in films and/or movies shown in the school are age appropriate and in accordance with the morals and values of the school district's vision statement of: The Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District is committed to creating a positive and safe school environment so that all students can experience academic and personal growth. The Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District will encourage achievement, respect, responsibility, caring and trust.

Therefore the following practice will be adhered to in the selection of movies that will be viewed by students in a school setting.

1. All educational movies (except provided for in item #6 below) must fall within the subject curriculum and be placed in the teacher's lesson plan.
2. It is the classroom teacher's responsibility to preview all movies prior to showing to students to make sure all materials and scenes in the movie are consistent with the school district's curriculum and the district's Vision Statement.
3. School District employees may show "G" Rated movies or previewed television edited version movies at any grade level.
4. School District employees may show "PG" Rated movies to Grades 4-12 students. School District employees must inform parents of the PG Rated movie prior to showing in Grades 4-6.
5. School District employees may show PG-13 Rated movies to Grades 9-12 students with parental permission prior to showing. If a student does not get parental consent to watch the movie, the School District employee shall provide a pertinent alternate activity for the student during the showing of the movie.
6. There are times commercial films may be shown for entertainment, or as part of a co-curricular or after school event, or as a reward for a class achieving a major goal. In this case, the movie ratings for all grade levels and parent permission procedures will be followed as described above.

Adopted: 12/16/13

Legal Reference: Section 120.13 Wisconsin Statutes

Cross Reference: School District Vision Statement  
School Board Policy 310 – Instructional Goals  
School Board Policy 360 – Instructional Resources  
School Board Policy 362.4 – Copyright