USE OF VIDEO RESOURCES

I. REGULATIONS

The Topeka Public Schools Regulation number 6050-1, Section VII, outlines guidelines for using video resources in Topeka Public Schools.

TOPEKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS REGULATION NUMBER: 6050-1

SELECTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL REVISED 1996

MATERIALS/RESOURCES

VII. VIDEO TAPED PROGRAM SELECTION AND USE

A. In general, copyright guidelines permit in-classroom showing of a copyrighted videotape program when it is used for instructional purposes in a teaching situation and is a lawfully made copy. Thus, a video used in the classroom as part of the instruction of a specific concept is permitted while the use of a video for entertainment or reward is not, unless copyright clearance has been obtained prior to showing.

B. In selecting videotaped programs for use in instruction, the teaching staff will use the following guidelines.

1. General selection criteria will include: quality of the overall work and its individual parts, fair and accurate representation of facts and the reputation and significance of the writer, director and/or performers.

2. Videotaped programs will be selected for their direct relevance to the instructional program.

3. Each videotaped program must give a fair and objective presentation of sensitive subjects at the maturity level of its viewers. In this connection, the ratings adopted by the Motion Picture Association of America will be applied where available:

G Family audiences

PG Parental guidance

PG-13 Special parental guidance for children under 13

R Children admitted only with parents

C. Prior written lawful custodial permission shall be obtained if a video is shown in which these ratings do not fit the age group that will be the viewing audience. This would apply to R rated movies for pupils 17 and under; for PG-13 movies for pupils 13 and under; for PG movies for pupils 11 and under. At the discretion of the instructor, written lawful custodial permission may be required for nonrated video programs dealing with sensitive issues.

Form for Waiver for Videotape Viewing see Attachment No. 1.

**TOPEKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**PARENT OR LAWFUL CUSTODIAN CONSENT/RELEASE WAIVER**

**FOR VIDEOTAPE VIEWING**

**VIDEO PROGRAM TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**American Motion Picture Association Rating: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**The undersigned, being the parent or lawful custodian of the student, by signing this release agrees to the following:**

**(Check appropriate statement)**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The student named below MAY view this video program, and I fully consent to this activity.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The student named below MAY NOT view this video program. I wish the student to be assigned to an alternative learning activity.**

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**STUDENT'S NAME (Please Print)**

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**PARENT/LAWFUL CUSTODIAN (Signature) DATE**

II. CIRCULATING “RATED” VIDEOS

Since the regulation addresses use of videos that have been rated by the American Motion Picture Association, videos, which are circulated out of the library collection and have a “rating” above the age level of the students at that building, need to be labeled. Labeling will help teachers make plans and yet not publicise the ratings to everyone.

This is the responsibility of the building level library. Suggested wording for the label is

**This video has been rated by the Motion Picture Association of America and may not be shown to students under \_\_\_\_\_ without lawful custodial permission.**

III. VIDEO USAGE FOR ASSEMBLIES AND OTHER NON-CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

There are companies that market “licenses” that allow public performance of copyrighted videos, such as Movie Licensing USA. This license allows showing certain videos for after school and non-instructional purposes at school.

A license of this sort is not needed for video use in the classroom. The Topeka Public Schools' Regulation number 6050-1 about video use explains that videos shown in classrooms must be related to instruction and thus are copyright and public performance compliant