

**GOOD PRACTICE**

**USE OF VIDEOS AND DVDS IN EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS**

***Use of Commercially Obtained Video Programs:***

Videos/DVDs obtained from video rental stores CANNOT be shown in schools. This is because the written contract that accompanies each rental specifically states that videos rented will NOT be used for public performance, nor for any use, other than home viewing. Therefore, **the use of rented videos in schools is strictly prohibited.** Commercial videos brought by students or provided by their parents CANNOT be shown.

***Purchased videos*** can be used for “face-to-face” instruction IF a direct connection can be established between the content of the video/DVD and the instructional objectives found in the Utah State Core Curriculum. Teachers must fill out a “Request to Show” form if the video is not from the district or school media center. (\*See attachment #1 - Request to Show Commercially Purchased Video / DVD.)

***Guidelines for Purchasing Videos/DVDs with School Monies:***

When purchasing videos for use in educational settings make certain that: 1) the content of the video directly correlates with the Utah State Core Curriculum, 2) the teacher requesting the video provides evidence of a direct link to state/district educational objectives, 3) you indicate on the requisition or purchase order that “This video/DVD is being purchased for public display in an educational setting”, and 4) ***videos/DVDs purchased by schools can NEVER be shown for entertainment, motivation or reward purposes UNLESS public performance rights have been obtained.***

***Selection and Viewing of Videos/DVDs:***

Granite School District does not allow for the showing of “R” or “X” rated materials. Use of materials with “PG” or “PG-13” ratings are left up to the approval of the principal and require a signed parental permission slip. (\*See attachment #2- Parental Permission to View PG or PG-13 Video/DVD.)

***Permission Slips***

Ratings of videos/DVDs in the “PG” or “PG-13” categories contain at least one of the following: violence, profanity, sexual innuendo, partial nudity. Before showing such a video/DVD, send home a note stating the rating and cause for the rating. Explain the educational purpose of the video’s viewing and its related curriculum. Parents not wishing their children to view the video should indicate their objection on the return slip. An alternative activity should be provided.

***Teachers must read and sign*** - (\*See attachment #3- I have read the: “GOOD PRACTICE: USE OF VIDEOS AND DVDS IN EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS”)