

SELECTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Section I: Background

Instructional materials shall be evaluated and selected according to specified procedures by qualified certified staff to ensure that the materials in the educational structure support the curriculum and meet the diverse needs of students. The instructional materials selected must be age and grade appropriate and must contribute to, and be aligned with, the curriculum and competencies.

Section II: Definitions

Instructional materials are print and non-print items that are designed to impart information to students in the educational process. Instructional materials include items such as kits, textbooks, magazines, newspapers, pictures, recordings, slides, transparencies, videos, video discs, workbooks, and electronic media including but not limited to music, movies, radio, software, CD-ROMs, and online services.

Library books are literary works, narratives, and other texts that are selected for research or use but not used for guided or directed instruction.

Section III: Selection of Instructional Materials

Instructional staff shall consider the following factors in the selection evaluation and use of instructional materials:

- Directly support student achievement toward the school district's curriculum standards
- Impact on instructional time
- Authenticity
- Age/grade appropriateness and in the case of motion picture media, the age ratings of the Motion Picture Movie Association shall be applied.
- Compliance with Policy and Procedures GACP entitled "Printing and Duplicating Services/Copyright Law."

Section IV: Parental Permission Required

Written parental permission must be obtained before showing any movies that are not rated general, or G, by the Motion Picture Movie Association. In the event parental permission is not received, the child will be placed temporarily in another room and given an alternate assignment.

Section V: Applicability to Vendors and Afterschool Providers

This policy shall apply to afterschool providers or afterschool vendors who provide services through a contractual relationship with the Jackson Public School District.

Section VI. Reconsideration of Instructional Material

When a parent, student, or staff member objects to the appropriateness of instructional material, the staff shall attempt to resolve the matter informally and at the local school level. In the event the matter cannot be resolved informally, the person who raises the objection may proceed to the appropriate chief academic officer and place in writing to him or her the specific objection, the nature thereof, and the school.

Section VI: Promulgation of Procedures

The superintendent is authorized to promulgate rules, regulations, and procedures to implement this policy.

SOURCE: Jackson Public School District, Jackson, Mississippi

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Instructional staff shall consider the following factors in the selection evaluation and use of instructional materials:

- Directly support student achievement toward the school district's curriculum standards
- Impact on instructional time
- Authenticity including but not limited to historical and scientific accuracy
- Age/grade appropriateness and in the case of motion picture media, the age ratings of the Motion Picture Movie Association shall be applied.
- Compliance with Policy and Procedures GACP entitled "Printing and Duplicating Services/Copyright Law."

Section II: Parental Permission Required

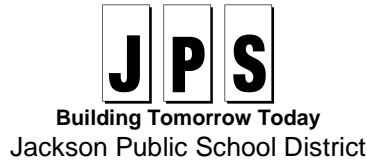
Written permission forms for movies may be used for general or blanket approval for the entire school year. If the blanket form is not used, the parent must sign a permission form each time a movie is shown that is not rated general, or G, by the Motion Picture Movie Association. The building principal will maintain the written parental permission forms. The forms may be maintained in the library with the acceptable use forms. Attached to these procedures are blanket permission forms and forms for use each time a movie not rated G, or general, is shown.

Section III: Applicability to Vendors and Afterschool Providers

Vendors and afterschool providers shall notify the building principal in writing, not less than 48 hours, before showing any movies that are not rated general, or G, by the Motion Picture Movie Association. Vendors and afterschool providers shall comply with the requirement of obtaining and filing written parental permission prior to the showing of the movie.

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DATE: September 11, 2006



GENERAL PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM FOR SHOWING OF MOVIES

During the _____ school year, the _____ School may show movies that are not rated G, or general, by the Motion Picture Movie Association to your child's class at various times during the year. Please indicate in the space below whether or not your child is permitted to view movies that are not rated G or general.

_____ My child, _____, **has** permission to view these movies.

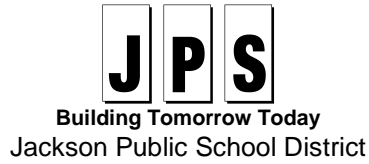
_____ My child, _____, **does not have** permission to view these movies.

I understand that my child will be placed in another room temporarily and given an alternate assignment while the movies are shown during the school year.

Signed: _____

Printed name: _____

Date: _____



PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

The _____ School plans to show _____ (name of movie) to your child's class on _____ (date) in _____ (teacher's name) room. The movie is rated ____.

Please indicate in the space below whether or not your child is permitted to view this movie.

_____ My child, _____, **has** permission to view this movie.

_____ My child, _____, **does not have** permission to view this movie.

I understand that my child will be placed in another room temporarily and given an alternate assignment while the movie is shown.

Signed: _____

Printed name: _____

Date: _____