

## **R-RATED PROCEDURES**

In certain courses, teachers have found that commercial films or excerpts can often enhance students' understanding of concepts or events, provide alternative interpretations, and stimulate thought, discussion and writing. Some of those films, carefully selected by our teachers for both instructional value and age appropriateness, may be rated "R" (under 17 requires accompanying parent or guardian) by the Motion Picture Association of America.

Previous examples have included the following representation of the kinds of R-rated movies that have been shown in the Social Studies classes: Saving Private Ryan (to provide a realistic image of the Normandy landing which was a pivotal event in the second world war), Schindler's List (to demonstrate the circumstances of Jews and Germans during the Holocaust), JFK (to present one of several theories on the assassination of President Kennedy).

Examples of R-rated movies that have been shown in English classes include: Braveheart (to compare and contrast the concept of the hero explored in various literary works), One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (to illustrate and reinforce the concepts of microcosm, irony, heroism), Slaughterhouse Five (to enrich the study of dark humor and war, as depicted in both literature and film).

Parents desiring further information regarding films to be shown in their child's classes are encouraged to contact Mr. Cory's office at (201) 816-6604. Alternative instructional experiences will be provided to students whose parents request their exclusion from particular excerpts or films.

### **Section from the Tiger Q**

Below are the procedures for R-rated films and/or excerpts:

- Parents notify the Vice Principal in writing if their child is not permitted to view R-rated films. The Vice Principal informs the student's guidance counselor and teachers that s/he is not permitted to view R-rated films. If the student's schedule is changed, the guidance counselor must notify the Vice Principal who will inform any new teacher(s) that the student is not to view R-rated films.
- Parents notify the Vice Principal in writing if they wish to provide permission on a case-by-case basis for their child to view R-rated films and/or excerpts on a case-by-case basis. The Vice Principal informs the student's guidance counselor and teachers that s/he may view R-rated films and/or excerpts only after a permission slip is completed by the teacher, given to the Vice Principal for mailing and returned by the parent who will grant permission or not grant permission. The teacher will be notified by the Vice Principal if the student can or cannot view the R-rated film or excerpt when the parent form is returned. Ample time (one week) must be allowed to obtain parental permission. A permission slip must be completed each time the teacher shows an R-rated film and/or excerpt.
- If the student's schedule is changed, the school counselor must notify the Vice Principal so any new teacher is informed that the student's parent must be notified on a case-by-case basis to view R-rated films and/or excerpts.
- An alternative assignment must be provided by the teacher for the student not viewing R-rated films and/or excerpts.