

DCS Video Usage Policy

It shall be the policy of the DCS district to prohibit the use of X-rated and R-rated video materials in all of its facilities unless specifically approved by the superintendent's designee. Any video material rated PG or PG13 must have a parent's permission before a student may view the video. Video materials from commercial television, cable television, public television, video stores, etc. carry special individual restrictions. Many absolutely prohibit recording and use, even in schools. Video materials should meet the following conditions prior to being shown:

1. It must be shown as a part of an instructional program and meet a specific objective documented in the instructor's lesson plans.
2. It must be shown by students' instructors or guest lecturers.
3. It must relate to a unit of study.
4. It must be shown as a legitimate copy and not violate any copyright laws.

In order to comply with the copyright laws, it is deemed essential that the employees of DeSoto County Schools and all who use the equipment of the schools abide by the following regulations:

1. A television program may not be recorded at home from either a broadcast or cable transmission and used at school. Home recording is for home use only.
2. A purchased video may be used in the school only for instruction and not for entertainment unless a public performance license has been obtained.

It is the responsibility that each employee, prior to showing any video material, be aware of the rating restrictions of the policy and become personally responsible for any infringements of copyright laws through the use of video materials.