

# AUDIO VISUAL POLICY

The use of any audio or visual material (cassette tape, records, movies, V.C.R. tapes, C.D.'s, etc.) whether for instructional or recreational purposes, by any staff member at Tates Creek Middle School shall be governed by the following regulations:

1. Fayette County School Board Policy 08234- PREVIEWING MATERIALS - August 15, 1988  
All materials presented for student use or viewing shall be reviewed by the teacher before use.  
Exceptions shall be current event programs and programs provided by Kentucky Educational TV.

2. Fayette County School Board Policy 08.234 - PREVIEWING MATERIALS - October 12, 1989

Teacher's Responsibilities Teachers shall be fully aware of the content of all materials used in classroom instruction prior to their being viewed by the students.

Criteria To Be Used Teachers shall consider the:

- Maturity level of the material relative to the maturity of the students who will be viewing them;
- Moral and religious implications; and
- Relevancy to curriculum objectives

When teacher's have doubts about the use of specific materials, they shall consult with the Principal or Associate Principal.

Media Center Materials Instructional materials obtained from the Media Center have been previewed and are appropriate for the grade levels specified.

3. Opinion of General Counsel to the Fayette County Board of Education - October 26, 1993  
"...The Copyright Act of 1976 provides that, as to motion pictures, the copyright owner has exclusive rights to perform such works publicly. Schools are a public place; therefore, regard less of whether admission is charged, showing such work without permission of the copyright owner is unlawful. However, the law provides that the owner of a legal copy of a video tape has the right to display that copy publicly. Thus it is legally impermissible for schools to rent video tapes and show them to a class. However, the lawful owner of any video tape has the right to show the movie in a classroom.
4. If a teacher believes that selected audio visual materials have instructional and/or educational value, and have met all three of the above requirements, the teacher shall secure written permission from a parent or legal guardian to have any student exposed to any audio-visual material which has been rated PG-13.
5. Under only the most unusual circumstances shall an R rated movie be even remotely considered for viewing by any student at Tates Creek Middle School. If a staff member believes such circumstances exist for selected audio-visual materials, the staff member shall secure permission from the administration before taking the preliminary step of seeking written parental permission.
6. If a student has not secured written permission for PG-13, or R, rated materials and the viewing of such material is essential for grading or assessment purposes, the staff member shall provide an appropriate alternative of comparable length for credit