

Video Use Policy

It is the intent of the Cassidy School Council to keep the option of educational videos open to the teacher. However, animated (and other) popular films that are more for entertainment than education (such as Disney films) do not fall into this large category of valuable and educationally sound films. Thus, such films shall not be used in Cassidy School classrooms.

Parents and teachers realize the importance of introducing and reviewing material with children in various ways. Explaining how flowers are pollinated can be read in a book, but it can also be shared in a video through time-lapse photography. It is important to share these wonders of nature with students when appropriate. Educational videos can take a child into the rainforest, through the human digestive system, on soundwave rides, and more. Likewise, many videos are available to teach students about insects, amphibians, mammals, spiders, and other animals, all in their natural habitats. The library also contains many important Audio-visual materials about safety, authors, children's literature, social studies topics, and more. It is important for us to recognize these videos as a powerful tool in teaching.

In all cases, video use must occur within the context of a lesson for students. Teachers must be careful to provide the proper background for students prior to viewing as well as an appropriate follow-up afterward.

- Animated cartoons and films that are more entertaining than educational shall not be permitted in the classroom.
- Educational videos from the school library, resource room, and classrooms are permitted at the teacher's discretion.
- Any questions about deviation from the policy in a special instance (teachers having to move rooms after school has started, schoolwide reward, etc..) must be brought to the attention of the principal who will make the final decision in each case.

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