

MOVIE NIGHTS IN SCHOOLS



Our school parent group would like to have a movie night in our school. What are the laws we should be aware of?

Under the new **Copyright Modernization Act**, school groups are required by law to purchase a license in order to conduct a public showing of movies. This can be a one time license or an annual license and is applicable for all movies including privately owned and rented movies.

You can find more information about copyrights and school groups, or apply/download an application for a license, by visiting Audio Cine Films Inc, at <http://www.acf-film.com/en/index.php>

For additional information about copyrights, you can also visit Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning Services and Support at: <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/mel/copyright.html> or, read [Copyright Matters!](#) which was developed by the Council of Ministers of Education Canada (CMEC) in 2011.

Hint—Ask your school division if it purchases an **annual license**, and whether your parent group is included within it. If so, are you able to host a movie night as a school and community event?

Parent Groups Should Also Discuss:

- What school or divisional policies do we need to consider to host a movie night?
- Who is responsible for purchasing a license?
- How much notice does the school and school division require?
- What adult supervision is required?
- Will admission be charged?
- Does the movie support curriculum or does it connect to a special project in the school?
- Is food allowed? What restrictions are there concerning food? Can food be sold as a fundraiser?

Idea—To make it more fun and get more attendance make it a pajama party!

Most of all HAVE FUN!



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