



Showing Movies and Copyright Law

Do your schools plan to show movies during or after school as a reward or for other purposes? Did you know that, with few exceptions, showing movies to students requires the school to have a public Performance Site License to avoid copyright infringement?

During the February KEDC Board Meeting we discussed the copyright issues of showing movies in schools and KEDC presented a low-cost solution of a site license for complying with the law and turning this requirement into a parental involvement opportunity. A parent group or booster club could pay the license cost and also use the license for an event such as “Family Movie Night”. The license is good for anyone showing movies at the school site during or after school.

KEDC has partnered with Movie Licensing USA to provide your district with substantial savings for a two-year Public Performance Site License. By purchasing through the KEDC Group Rate the cost is considerably less than the standard rate a school would pay if purchasing their own license annually. The KEDC Group Licenses will take effect on July 1, 2009 and will run through June 30, 2011. The special pricing is only available thru the KEDC Group Purchase and the deadline for participation is June 15, 2009 , however, we hope you will work with your schools to purchase their license before school is out for the summer.

Information regarding this service and preprinted order forms for your schools to purchase licenses has be sent to your district central office. If you have additional questions about the KEDC Group Purchase please contact Terri.White (a) kedc.org. We sincerely hope that KEDC members find this to be a valuable service.