Use of School Facilities

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR COMMERCIAL FILM PRODUCTION

- I. The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizes the importance of the film production industry to the economic well-being of South Florida and will cooperate with the industry, provided the production of a film does not result in school disruption or serve to embarrass the Miami-Dade County School System, its staff or students.
 - A. All requests to use the exterior or interior of a school or other school system facilities in a film production must be made to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee who will have the right to grant or deny such requests.
 - B. A summary of the script including descriptions of the use of any special equipment or special effects that could endanger the safety of students and staff, will be obtained from the producer or film-maker. Productions that would serve to expose the Miami-Dade County School System to embarrassment or ridicule or create unnecessary safety hazards to students and staff will be refused permission to film.
 - C. Production during school hours will be conducted without disrupting the students' educational process and permitted only with the approval of the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee. When more than one school facility is needed for the production, an individual clearing will be required for each facility. The specific production schedule shall be mutually determined by the producer and principal of the school. Every effort shall be made to limit filming to days and hours when classes are not in session.
 - D. If at any time during the period of production, the principal or his/her designee determines that the production is disrupting the normal activities in the building, the principal shall immediately notify the Superintendent of Schools, or his/her designee, who has absolute authority to direct the production company to vacate the premises on 24-hour notice; however, the production company shall have 10 hours in which to correct any disruptions.
 - E. Identification of the school used in the production will be made only with the permission of the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee.

- F. No photographs or filming of faculty or students or members of the public will take place at any school unless the production company has been given a release by the individual or his/her appropriate parent or guardian, or the individual filmed has entered into a contract with the production company.
- G. No scenes depicting gratuitous nudity, sexual activities, sadistic violence, or promoting the use of illegal drugs or alcohol abuse will be filmed on any school property. The production company will further guarantee that a film is intended to have a viewer rating not more restrictive than "R".
- H. The production company will provide liability insurance and a hold harmless agreement to cover the School Board, its agents and employees in a manner satisfactory to the School Board's Office of Risk and Benefits Management.
- I. The production company will be responsible for any costs to cover any utilities, custodial, or other expenses incurred for each day of production that occurs on school grounds. Schools will be permitted to accept and place in the internal accounts any donations received from the production company.

Specific Authority: 230.22(2) F.S. Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 235.02 F.S.

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