

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to the IB Film course at Raymore-Peculiar High School. I hope that through your child's participation in this class he or she will gain a deeper appreciation for the art of filmmaking. This course is new this year, but I am planning to have a class syllabus, other relevant documents, and assignments with due dates be available in a class website located at <http://kpenechar.weebly.com/ib-film.html>

The goal of IB Film is to expose students to films from all over the world and to increase their critical and practical understanding of film as a creative art form and reflection of its time period, society, and political and cultural environment. As a result, this class requires the viewing of a wide variety of films. In some cases, these films may carry an R rating, or, in the case of films made before 1968 and some foreign films, will have no rating at all. Please be assured that due care and attention is given to the choice of films selected for class work and they have been chosen based on supporting the assessment criteria of the IB. All the films selected for this course have a high degree of artistic merit and that many have won numerous awards and are considered part of the film canon. Since the "R" rating allows the viewing of these movies by a child under the age of 17 if accompanied by a responsible adult or guardian, your consent will allow me to act in that capacity while students attend class. Movies will be shown in a responsible, respectful context. We will discuss any and all aspects of the film that students find controversial.

However, if you or your child objects to any film shown that carries an "R" rating, your child will always have the opportunity to request that an alternative film be assigned.

I would be grateful if you would sign the statement below and return it to me by August 24.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at karla.penechar@raypec.org

Kind regards,
Karla

Student name: _____

I grant permission to my child to watch films that the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) has rated either "NR" (not rated) or "R" (restricted) for the purposes of the IB Film class.

Parent/guardian name (Please print): _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Parent email: _____