

Recommendation of The EDUHSD  
R-Rated Film Advisory Committee

Title of Film: Primary Colors

Reason for R-Rating

Language X Violence \_\_\_ Sexuality X

1. Committee Recommendation to the Board of Trustees:

X Adoption of Specific **CLIPS** as a Supplemental Instructional Material  
\_\_\_ No Recommendation for Adoption as a Supplemental Instructional Material

Date of Committee Recommendation: January 26, 2005

2. Appropriate Uses of Film/Suggested Curricular Goals/Standards:

*Primary Colors is based on a novel of the same name. The film depicts a democratic presidential primary race with a charismatic Southern governor, and has been viewed as a thinly veiled take on Bill Clinton's 1992 campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination. The campaign is punctuated with countless problems, an unending barrage of appearances and speeches, travel, handshakes, accusations of infidelity, clumsy errors and an imperfect political process.*

*History/Social Science Standards: 12.6 Students evaluate issues regarding campaigns for national elective offices. 12.8: Students evaluate and defend positions on the influence of media on American political life.*

3. Areas of Concern/Conditions Established by Committee for

**Recommendation:** *The committee felt that the profanity and implied sexual content, including numerous sexual and drug innuendos and languages were not necessary to make the point of the film. The committee felt that the objectionable material, with the exception of the clips that have been identified, outweighed the film's educational content. The committee is ONLY recommending the approval of the following clips: 1) Chapters 1-3: The speech in the NYC public library dealing with adult literacy, 2) Chapter 21: The speech at the Midwestern campaign rally, 3) Chapter 29: The speech by the new Democratic challenger, 4) Chapter 38: The conversation/reflection that results when the campaign manager resigns. The film in its entirety has low educational value.*

4. Appropriate Grade Levels for Film:

\_\_\_ All Grades 9-12 X Grade12

5. Appropriate Courses for the Use of the Film: *American Government*

6. Superintendent's Recommendation: ✓ Approve \_\_\_ Not Approve

Use of this film must comply with Board Policy 6161.11. Parental permission MUST be received prior to showing the film to students.

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