Copyright Exception

In some instances, it is not required to obtain a movie license when exhibiting copyrighted materials such as videocassettes or DVDs. This face-to-face teaching exemption applies only if a teacher is in attendance, the showing takes place in the classroom setting, and the movie is an essential part of the current curriculum being taught. Examples of situations where a License must be obtained are:

- Public libraries
- Non-classroom entertainment movies being used at school for after school activities

This legal requirement applies regardless of whether an admission fee is charged, whether the institution or organization is commercial or non-profit, or whether a federal or state agency is involved.