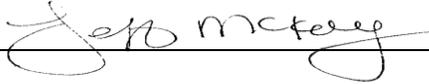


 <p>NEW YORK STATE Corrections and Community Supervision</p> <p>DIRECTIVE</p>	TITLE <p>Entertainment Media</p>		NO. 4556
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I. POLICY: Facilities will provide general population access to available major network television channels as part of their inmate recreation program.

Facilities may also show movies in general population if they have the necessary equipment and space.

No Department employee or inmate may copy or possess any duplicated copyrighted program, movie, or sports event except as provided for in Section IV of Directive #4555, "Video Production Programs and Procedures."

"X" and "NC-17" rated movies and programs shall not be shown. Media Review guidelines are applicable to all entertainment media. (See Directive #4572, "Media Review.")

II. TELEVISION OPTIONS

A. Basic Service (major network television): Facilities that are unable to receive major network television stations because of their location are authorized to contract for basic cable or satellite receiver connections. Contracts for such basic service are funded under a facility account as provided in the annual spending plan.

B. Premium Channels: Television entertainment options beyond access to major networks (connection to premium channels) will only be allowed if the Inmate Liaison Committee determines that the inmate population wants the additional service. Premium channel connections will be funded through the Occupational Therapy Account (as described in Directive #2771, "Inmate Occupational Therapy Fund").

- "On Demand" channels cannot be included in the premium channel package.
- Facilities that offer the Inmate Movie Program, in addition to premium channels, shall be restricted to one premium channel package from the choice of HBO, Cinemax, or Showtime.
- The hours of showing for premier channel programs will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.

C. TV Program Selection

- Facilities may establish a Weekly TV Program Schedule that is approved by the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent may designate the Inmate Liaison Committee or another Inmate Committee to recommend TV programs to be placed on the schedule. The Superintendent shall have the final decision on the selection of TV programs available to the population.
- Facilities may designate specific TVs for the showing of specific programs (e.g., Sports TV, Movie TV, Spanish TV, etc.).

- The Superintendent may prohibit the showing of any TV program based on the content or subject matter of the specific program.

III. INMATE MOVIE PROGRAM: Those facilities that utilize movies in the videocassette or DVD format to be shown on large screen projection, or in-house closed circuit TV, or on TV sets in common areas, for inmate recreation and entertainment, will only show movies whose titles are on the lists provided by the contractors who have licensed the Department for public showings. Cost of movie rentals is funded through the Occupational Therapy Account.

Note: Unauthorized use of media players (e.g., to play music, display photographs, read compact discs, etc.) is prohibited.

- A. Rental Movie Selection: The Inmate Liaison Committee, or an Inmate Committee designated by the Superintendent, may recommend movie titles from the list provided by the contractors who have licensed the Department for showings. The vendor for movie rentals is at the discretion of the facility.
- Rental movie selection is at the discretion of the facility. The Superintendent may designate a Facility Movie Review Committee. Following review, the committee shall make a recommendation to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall have the final decision on the showing of a movie to population.
 - The Deputy Superintendent for Program Services shall have the responsibility to refer any movie that is of questionable content to the Facility Movie Review Committee, the Superintendent, or designee.
 - All movies that are listed as Not-Rated (NR) shall be referred for review.