

Big Sandy Area C.A.P., Inc. – HEAD START
Program Policies and Procedures

Use of Media in the Classroom

POLICY:

Media is used to supplement curriculum or as a special event rather than a part of the regular daily routine.

PROCEDURE:

1. The use of media, such as television and video, must relate to weekly themes.
2. Staff will preview any media to be used in the classroom prior to use.
3. Teachers will provide other options/activities for children who choose not to view a program.
4. Staff will discuss what is viewed with the children before, during, and after viewing the video to develop critical thinking and observation skills.
5. Television/video time will be limited to no more than 30 minutes per week.
6. Television/media screen viewing is prohibited during meals/snacks and during naptime.
7. Computer time (*including Smart Boards and iPads*) will be limited to no more than 15 minutes per day, per child. The only exception will be when a child with a disability has an IEP plan that specifically calls for additional time involving technology devices. The 15 minute daily limit for the Smart Board does not include instances when the teacher uses the board with the entire group for learning experiences, dance/music/exercise, or storytelling.

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