

# MO Thespians—Production Rating Rubric

	G	PG	PG-13	R	NC-17	
	<b>General Audiences</b>	<b>Parental Guidance Suggested</b>	<b>Parents Strongly Cautioned</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>No one 17 and Under Admitted</b>	<b>Notes &amp; Comments:</b>
<b>Definition</b>	Nothing that would offend parents for viewing by children. The G Rating does not signify a “children’s” production.	Parents urged to give “parental guidance.” May contain material parents might not like for children under 8 or 9 years of age.	Parents are <i>urged</i> to be cautious. There may be material inappropriate for pre-teenagers.	Contains some adult material. Parents are <i>urged</i> to learn more about the show before taking their young children with them.	Most parents would consider too strong and therefore off-limits for viewing by their children	
<b>Language</b>	Exchanges of dialogue may go beyond polite conversation but are common everyday expressions.	Contains some profanity	Contains mild profanity	Persistent use of strong language	Hard language throughout	
<b>Violence</b>	Depictions of violence are minimal	Some depictions of violence	Depictions of violence—generally not both extreme, persistent or realistic	Intense or persistent violence	Intense and persistent violence—extremely realistic	
<b>Sexual Content</b>	No nudity or sexual content	Some conversational sexual content	Suggested sexual content	Strong sexual themes throughout	Intense sexual themes throughout	
<b>Drug/ Alcohol</b>	No depiction of drugs or alcohol	No illegal drug reference/ use, depicts use alcohol	Depiction of prescription drug and alcohol use. No illegal drug abuse references	Reference to illegal drug abuse	Intense illegal drug use shown on stage	
<b>Adult Themes</b>	Nothing in the theme would offend parents whose younger children view the production.	Minimal adult theme and activity	Some adult theme and activity	Depicted activity of adult themes throughout	Depicted activity of intense and extreme adult themes/acts shown on stage	

This rating system is based on the criteria created by the Movie industry. This was selected as most community members are familiar with and understand the system. We strongly suggest parents with younger children research a production before attending. We will use this guide as a general rating but cannot take into account all personal preferences or concerns. This document was created with the average audience member in mind. Below you will find a list of productions we would place in each rating category to give community members an idea of what to expect.

**NC-17**—Spring Awakening; Equus; American Idiot; The Birthday Party; Titus Andronicus; Lysistrata

**R**—Rent; Avenue Q; Best Little Whorehouse in Texas; Vanya and Sonya and Masha and Spike; The Goat who is Sylvia; August Osage County; MacBeth, Hamlet

**PG-13**—Romeo & Juliet; Much Ado About Nothing; Chicago; Avenue Q (School Addition); Dirty Rotten Scoundrels; Legally Blonde; Moon Over Buffalo; Hairspray; Proof; One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest; Of Mice and Men

**PG**—Fiddler on the Roof; The Diary of Anne Frank; Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory; The Odd Couple; The Crucible; The Miracle Worker; Anything Goes; Music Man; The Glass Menagerie

**G**—You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown; Seussical the Musical; Cinderella; Cheaper by the Dozen; The Man Who Came to Dinner; You Can’t Take it With You; Flowers for Algernon; Harvey