



## Cable TV and Video Distribution System

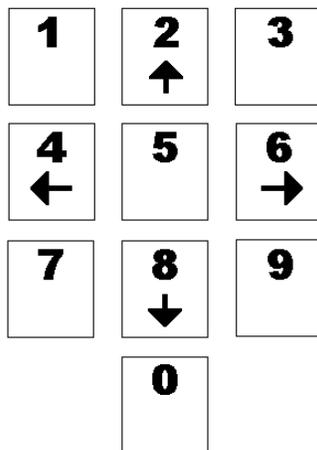
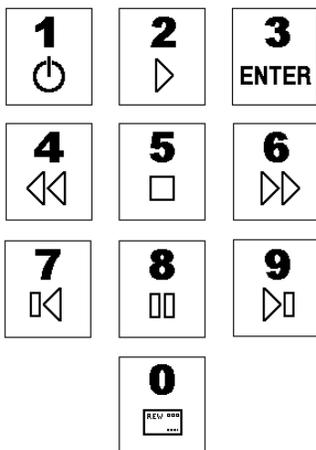
Everyone with a television should have access to more than fifty standard cable stations in their rooms. Make sure your VCR is off when viewing a cable station. If the channel up/down buttons do not seem to work properly on your remote, you can always punch in a two digit channel number (and then Enter on some remotes) to switch to a desired channel.

To play a VHS tape in your VCR, turn both the television and VCR on. Depending on the type of connection from your VCR, you must either (1) Make sure the television is tuned to channel 3, or (2) Change the television input source to **Video 1** or **Input 1**. Put the tape in and play. Note that with some television/VCR combinations that use connection method (1), you may have to flip off channel 3 and then back for the picture to come in clearly.

There are four central VCR and/or DVD players (located in the locked network closet in the library/ computer lab) for playing a VHS tape or DVD that multiple classrooms can watch at once. This is known as video distribution. Four channels on your TV are reserved for this service: **95, 96, 97, and 98**. Normally these channels will be blank on your TV. If a tape/DVD is playing at the central location, however, you can tune in by simply switching your TV to the appropriate channel. You will need to make arrangements with the Tech Aide or the Librarian if you want a something to be played for distribution.

If you are the person who has requested that a tape/DVD be played centrally, then you can control the central player with the telephone in your room. To operate the player, you need to connect to it first. To connect, pick up the telephone receiver and dial **\*8** plus the channel number of the VCR you wish to control. For example, to control the VCR that broadcasts on channel 98, dial **\*898**. You will hear some beeps confirming that you are connected. (A busy signal indicates someone else is connected to that VCR.)

Once connected, you can use the buttons on your phone to control the player's actions. The diagram below gives you a visual representation of what actions the numbers on your telephone keypad represent. Also below is a description of each symbol. These operate like any standard remote control. For example, if a tape is playing and you hit the fast forward key, you will scan through the tape. If you stop the tape and hit the fast forward key, you will move forward through the tape more rapidly without seeing a picture. Please note that when the tape reaches the end during normal play, it will automatically rewind and the VCR will turn off. Note that there are special controls for the DVD player only, such as Skip, and the Cursor Controls below in the center.



DVD only. Press # key first.

1	⏻	Power on/off
2	▶	Play
4	◀◀	Rewind
5	□	Stop
6	▶▶	Fast Forward
7	◀◀◀	Skip Backward
8	⏸	Pause
9	▶▶▶	Skip Forward
0	REV ...	Display/Menu

For a VCR, the Display/Menu button turns on the counter to show where you are in a VHS tape and the current operation (Play, Rewind, etc.). For a DVD player, it returns you to the Main Menu screen of the DVD.