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POLICY FOR DISPLAYS OF STUDENT WORK AND DECORATIVE MATERIALS IN SCHOOLS


Office of Safety and Security Fact Sheet



CODE COMPLIANCE GUIDELINE

FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA - OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL



Section SFPC 803.3.2 of the Statewide Fire Prevention Code states that artwork and teaching materials shall be limited on the walls of corridors to not more than 20 percent of the wall area. The information detailed in this policy is designed to meet the requirements of 803.3.2. The office of the Fire Marshal recognizes the importance of displaying student artwork and other educational materials within the schools. Therefore, this policy shall be strictly adhered to regarding the display of any materials.

ALL AREAS

1. No materials may be suspended from any ceiling.
2. No materials may be suspended from any light fixture or any component of the fire protection system (sprinkler heads, smoke or heat detectors, horn or strobe lights).
3. No material may be displayed in a manner that obstructs required signage, exit or emergency lighting.

HALLS

4. No three-dimensional materials may be displayed in halls. All materials must be flat to the wall.
5. No combustible material may be attached to a door or frame or in an exit stairwell.
6. All combustible material shall be at least 3 feet away from any door frame or entry way.
7. All combustible material shall be at least 3 feet above the floor.
8. No combustible material may be placed higher than the top of adjacent doorframes or more than 7 feet from above the floor.
9. Displays shall not exceed 25 feet in length.
10. A 10-foot separation shall be required between 25-foot long displays.

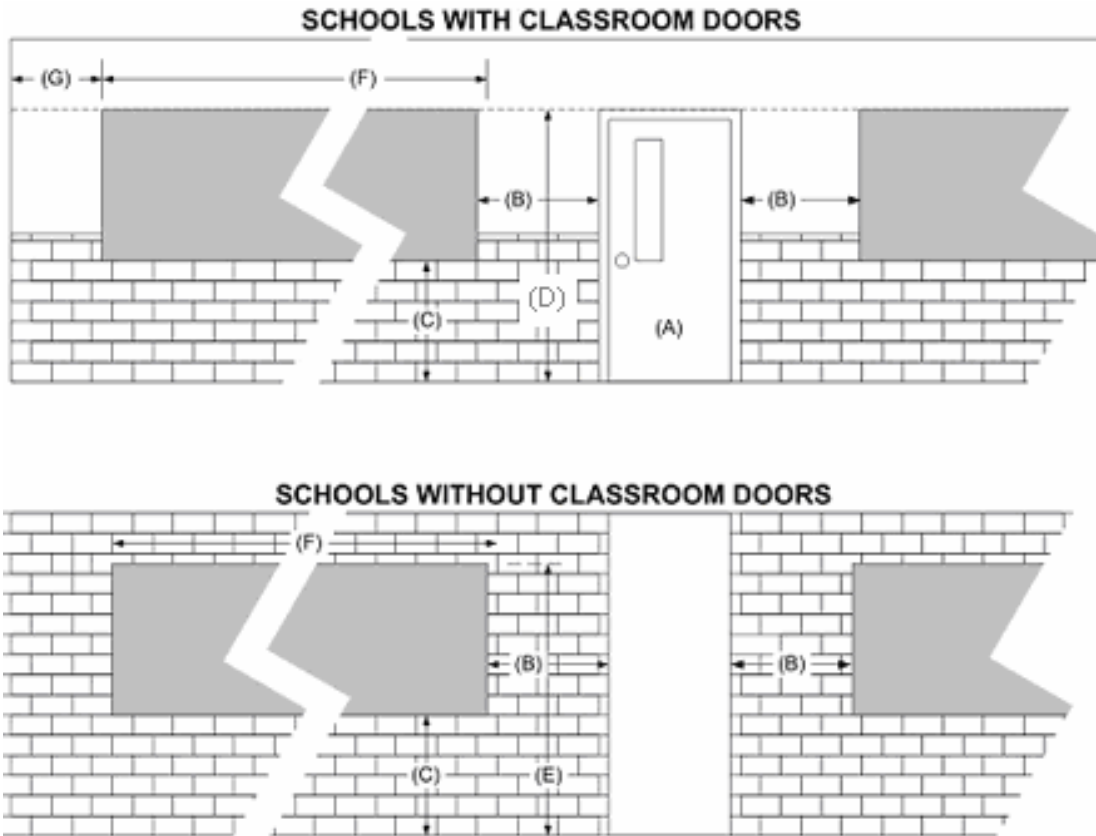
ROOMS

11. No combustible material may be attached to the front or back of an entry door. The only exception is the Crisis Management & Security Plan that will be mounted on the back of the door in every single classroom.
12. No combustible material may be displayed or mounted within 24 inches of the ceiling.



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- A. No combustible material on either side of doors With the exception of the Crisis Management Security Plan Classroom Guide for Teachers which may be displayed on the interior of the classroom door.
- B. Three (3) foot minimum.
- C. Three (3) foot minimum.
- D. No higher than adjacent door frames.
- E. Seven (7) foot maximum.
- F. Twenty-five (25) foot maximum.
- G. Ten (10) foot minimum separation.

If you need additional information, please call the FCPS Office of Safety and Security at 571-423-2010. Refer also to the video *"Fire Safety in the Classroom"* on the OSS Fire Prevention webpage. This eleven-minute program will explain the FCPS & Fire Marshal's requirements regarding decorative materials.