

**MINNEAPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT
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ARTWORK IN SCHOOLS**

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ISSUE:

Amount of combustible materials allowed on classroom walls and within corridors.

CODE REQUIREMENTS:

The fire code does not directly address how much artwork may be located in schools.

PROBLEM:

Schools display children's artwork on the building walls, which adds to the amounts of combustible materials and creates flame spread issues.

ACCEPTABLE MEANS of COMPLIANCE:

1. Amount of artwork allowed to be attached to walls:
 - a. Within classrooms: artwork is not to exceed 25% of the wall area.
 - b. Within exit corridors: artwork is not to be attached to corridor walls.
Exception: Corridors of non-combustible construction that are protected by fire sprinklers may have attached artwork on up to 10% of the wall area. A display is not to exceed 20 feet in length, displays are to be separated by a space of at least 4 feet.
2. All artwork and materials are to be fastened at the top and bottom.
3. All materials are to be kept at least 4 feet from exit access doors and at least 2 feet from ceilings.