

## FULLERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

# FIRE PREVENTION STANDARDS

### APPLICATION:

CLASSROOM ARTWORK, TEACHING MATERIALS AND DECORATIVE MATERIALS  
IN SCHOOLS (GROUP E OCCUPANCIES)

### JUSTIFICATION:

2016 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE (CFC), CHAPTER 8, SECTION 807.5.2.3  
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 19  
NFPA 101

### STANDARDS:

- I. CLASSROOM ARTWORK AND TEACHING MATERIALS: Are permitted to be attached directly to the classroom walls and shall not exceed 25 percent of the total classroom wall area in a building that is not protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system. Only fire resistant materials shall be permitted. The materials shall be distributed along the wall in a fashion that **will not** create a continuous run or strip of paper along the wall. The materials shall be flat, two-dimensional, and firmly affixed to the wall so that there are no projecting surfaces. Three-dimensional configurations augment the combustible loading of the room and increase the scope and severity of a fire (flashover). Subsequently, three dimensional configurations are prohibited. The artwork and teaching materials shall not exceed 50 percent of the wall area in a building that is protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system.
- II. DECORATIVE MATERIALS: In every group A, **E**, I, R-1, R-2 and R-6 occupancy all drapes, hangings, curtains, drops, and all other decorative materials, including Christmas trees (and artwork), that would tend to increase the fire and panic hazard shall be made from a nonflammable material, or shall be treated and maintained in a flame-retardant condition by means of a flame-retardant solution or process approved by the State Fire Marshal.

Exits, exit lights, fire alarm sending stations, wet standpipe hose cabinets, and fire extinguisher locations shall not be concealed, in whole or in any part, by any decorative material.