

The Fire Marshal's Office preforms an annual fire inspection every summer when the students are out of school. The inspections follow the International Fire Code, the Council of Governments (COG) amendments, and local amendments adopted by the City.

In an effort to understand what must be done to keep children safe, and to follow all fire codes, the following information was obtained from the Burleson Fire Department. The NFPA (National Fire Protection Agency) Codes state only 20% of walls can be covered with any type of combustibile material in a non-fire sprinkler system. This can be increased to 50% if a school is protected by a fire sprinkler system. It does not state the area of any wall. The main intent of this code is having separation between these materials so if a fire does start it cannot travel from one wall to another or down the entire hallway.

What is permitted?

807.4.3.2 Artwork and teaching materials shall be limited on walls of corridors to not more than 20 percent of the wall area and on the walls of classrooms to not more than 50 percent of each wall area. Such material shall not be continuous from floor to ceiling or wall to wall.

Exception: Corridors protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 shall be limited to 50 percent of the wall area.

Corridor coverage is generally defined as the wall area between classroom doors. Coverage can never be from floor to ceiling or wall to wall in any area.

Classroom coverage is generally defined as the wall area between two corners of the room in the same wall plane. Coverage can never be from floor to ceiling or wall to wall in any area.

In keeping with the general intent of the BFD Code, the Burleson ISD allows 20% coverage of the classroom door on the corridor side.

In keeping with the general intent of the BFD Code, the Burleson ISD allows 50% coverage of the classroom door on the classroom side.

What is not permitted?

1. Code prohibits applying any material to a door leading in or out of a common area (Library, Cafeteria, Admin Area, Auditorium, Gymnasium, etc.).
2. Code prohibits applying any material to a laboratory door (Science, Culinary, Technology, etc.).
3. Code prohibits applying any material to a main corridor or cross corridor door.
4. Code prohibits arranging or applying any material on a classroom door which may disguise or conceal the door during an emergency.
5. Code prohibits applying any material to cover glass within the building (includes classroom doors, interior classroom windows, and exterior classroom window).
6. Code prohibits applying any material to door hardware.
7. Code prohibits hanging any material from the ceiling.
8. Extension cords and multi-plug adapters cannot be used as a substitute for permanent wiring or be connected together.

Please help the District make sure our buildings are safe for our students, staff, guest, and emergency responders.