



3.40.060-AD Fire Prevention

- (1) **Candles**. Lighted candles are not to be used within school buildings for programs either by school employees or outside groups unless their use is in accordance with Fire Department regulations (permits must first be obtained from the Fire Department).
- (2) **Combustible Materials**.
 - (a) Oil base paints or painting supplies in excess of five quarter pint cans must be stored in metal lockers in approved locations.
 - (b) Oil painting must be done in well-ventilated locations or in approved paint rooms.
 - (c) Paint brushes containing oil base paints must be cleaned under approved safety precautions. In grade six and below, this activity shall be supervised directly by the teacher.
 - (d) Access to acids by students is to be precluded, except for scientific experiments under the supervision of qualified instructors and with normal safety precautions.
 - (e) If acids or other potentially dangerous chemicals are spilled on school premises, immediate dilution and neutralization shall be undertaken by appropriately trained staff and a custodian's assistance obtained immediately so that he/she may take steps to neutralize completely the effects of the acid.
 - (f) Decorations on exiting hall walls may not be placed in such quantity as to provide "fire overload." "Fire overload" means more than 10 percent of the total wall area is covered with decorations. Such limit may be exceeded only if excess materials are flame retarded. All items hung from exiting hallway ceilings must be flame retarded.
- (3) **Bonfires**. Bonfires for school rallies or any other purpose are prohibited.
- (4) **Smoking**. The use of tobacco products is prohibited by all parties in district buildings, or on district grounds at all times. See also: Administrative Regulations 3.30.021, Tobacco Usage, 4.30.011, Standards of Conduct — Implementation, 4.30.022, Other Disciplinary Measures and 4.40.055, Activities and Meetings.

(5) **Christmas Trees.**

- (a) Only fresh green native trees may be placed in the school buildings.
- (b) The butt of the tree should be recut on an angle one inch above the original cut just prior to the setting of the tree.
- (c) Trees must be placed with the base in water and that water level kept above the cut the entire time the tree is indoors.
- (d) The tree must be properly supported and must be located away from heat sources, exit ways, and not in hallways in a manner, which will impede normal traffic flow.
- (e) If tree lights must be used, off-the-tree floodlighting, located no closer than three feet from the tree, is permitted. All such lights shall be U.L. approved.
- (f) All trees shall be removed from the building before personnel leave for winter vacation.

(6) **Firearms, Flames, Sparks in Production.** It is unlawful for any person to discharge any firearms or to use or operate any lighted lamp, candle or torch, or any spark or flame-producing device as a part of any act, show entertainment or performance in any school, church, theater or other place of public assemblage, or before any assemblage of people either indoors or outdoors. [Certain exceptions may be made by obtaining a fire permit in writing from the office of the fire marshal and only then permitted on school property with the express permission of the office of the superintendent.]

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