

School Decorations

EXITS

Access to exits and exit paths shall not be obstructed by decorative materials.

SOURCE OF IGNITION

Candles or other sources of open flame are not allowed for any decorations or ceremonies, except as approved by the fire authority, prior to the event.

Sources of ignition shall not be allowed within the vicinity of combustible decorative materials.

ELECTRICAL

Only UL listed miniature lights shall be used in accordance with their listing.

Heavy Duty Extension Cords shall be approved commercially manufactured UL listed assemblies (14-gauge minimum, 15-amp minimum).

Only grounded extension cords shall be used. Extension cords are for temporary use only, meaning it is to be unplugged daily.

Electrical lights and extension cords that are physically damaged or altered shall not be used unless repairs are in accordance with the Electrical Code.

DECORATIVE MATERIALS

Decorations, including student generated materials, shall not exceed 20% of the wall and 10% of the door surface at any time of the year.

Fire-retardant coating is not required on natural trees and will not extend the length of time a tree should be permitted indoors. While freshly cut trees are naturally flame resistant due to their high water content, they become extremely flammable when permitted to dry out. When brought indoors the heat and lower humidity will accelerate the drying process.

Care of Christmas trees shall be as follows: Saw off at an angle at least one inch above the original cut. Mount securely in a tree stand, pail, tub, or other water-type holder or reservoir. Maintain the water level about the cut as long as the tree is indoors and add fresh water daily.

ARTIFICIAL DECORATIONS

Artificial decorations may have electrical devices used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. **Exception:** Artificial decorations having exposed metal surfaces shall not be decorated with any type of electrical devices, decorations or appliances.

All decorations shall be either inherently fire retardant or treated with a flame retardant to be flame resistant and shall comply with O.U.F.C. 1103.3.3 and O.U.F.C. 1103.3.4.2. (1998 Edition)