



Common School Fire Code Violations

1. **Excessive wall coverage in the classrooms.** The acceptable limits for hanging student artwork/classwork is a maximum of 20% of the wall area coverage for hallways/corridors and 50% of the wall area coverage in classrooms.
2. **Excessive wall coverage in the corridors.** In school corridors/hallways no more than 20% of the wall area can be covered with artwork, classwork, or decorations in the hallways/corridors.
3. **Blocked corridors and exit doors.** Corridors/hallways and exits doors must be kept clear and unobstructed *at all times*. It is unacceptable *at any time* to have boxes, chairs, desks, recycle bins, or unattended deliveries left in front of exit routes. Desks and tables used in the halls as auxiliary teaching areas must not obstruct exit pathways.
4. **Improper use of extension cords.** Extension cords may only be used on a temporary basis and must not be installed for permanent use. Extension cords must not be connected to each other and should never be attached to permanent fixtures or pass through holes in walls. Extension cords should never be placed under rugs or taped down for extended use. Power strips with surge protectors are acceptable when plugged directly into an outlet.
5. **Propping open fire doors.** Fire doors serve an important purpose in the event of a fire and can help to contain heat and smoke. Leaving fire doors wedged open to promote easy access to exit points from a building is prohibited. Doors may only be held open by an approved device and should be kept closed at all other times.
6. **Fire Drills.** Fire Drills must be conducted monthly even if there is testing taking place. Record keeping must be done with every drill.
7. **Electrical Panel Access.** Access to electrical panels shall be kept free and clear with at least a 36 inch clearance.

**Data obtained from 2015 CSFD inspection reports.*