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SUPPLEMENTAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Number:	12-803.3.2		
Subject:	Artwork and Teaching Materials in Educational Occupancies		
Code:	2003 International Fire Code	Code Section:	Chapter 8
Code:	2003 NFPA Life Safety Code	Code Section:	15.7.4.3
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AUTHORITY:

§104.1 of the 2003 International Fire Code authorizes the fire marshal to render interpretations of the fire code, and to adopt policies, procedures, rules and regulations in order to clarify the application of its provisions.

PURPOSE:

To clarify the requirements for the use of artwork and teaching materials in education occupancies.

SCOPE:

This regulation covers all educational occupancies within the City of Avondale after the effective date.

SUPPLEMENTAL RULE OR REGULATION:

In accordance with the 2003 version of the National Fire Protection Association Standard 101®, Life Safety Code®, §15.7.4.3, artwork and teaching materials shall be permitted to be attached directly to the walls in educational occupancies in accordance with the following:

1. Artwork and teaching materials shall not exceed 20 percent of each wall area in a building NOT protected throughout with an approved automatic fire sprinkler system.
2. Artwork and teaching materials shall not exceed 50 percent of each wall area in a building that is protected throughout with an approved automatic fire sprinkler system.

This Supplemental Rule or Regulation applies only to artwork and teaching materials in educational occupancies. It does NOT apply to curtains, draperies, hangings and other decorative materials suspended from walls, book cases, or ceilings. It does NOT apply to the use of foam or pyroxylin plastics. It does NOT apply to wall and ceiling finishes or coverings. It does NOT apply to assembly occupancies in the same building as educational occupancies. The applicable sections of the International Fire Code would apply to these items and uses.

JUSTIFICATION:

The 2003 International Fire Code §102.7 allows the fire marshal to approve compliance with the applicable standards of the National Fire Protection Association as prima facie evidence of compliance with the intent of the International Fire Code.

The 2003 version of the International Fire Code does not specifically reference the use of artwork and teaching materials in educational occupancies, except for walls of corridors (803.3.2).

The 2003 version of the International Fire Code does not specifically reference allowances for an increase in the use of artwork and teaching materials in buildings with approved automatic fire sprinklers system.

The 2003, 2006, 2009, and 2012 versions of the National Fire Protection Association Standard 101®, Life Safety Code®, specifically references the use of artwork and teaching materials in educational occupancies.