



THIS INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE JACKSONVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO INFORM FACULTY AND STAFF OF SCHOOLS (GROUP E OCCUPANCIES) OF FIRE CODE REGULATIONS.

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The following regulations were extracted from the North Carolina Fire Code and the North Carolina Building Code 2002 Edition.

ADMINISTRATION:

Section 102.8 Matters not provided for: Requirements that are essential for the public safety of an existing or proposed activity, building or structure, or for the safety of the occupants thereof which are not specifically provided by this code shall be determined by the code official.

INTERIOR FINISH, DECORATIVE MATERIALS AND FURNISHINGS:

Section 803.1.2 Fire-retardant coatings: Fire-retardant coatings shall be maintained so as to retain the effectiveness of the treatment under service conditions encountered in actual use.

Section 803.3.1 Storage in corridors and lobbies: Clothing and personal effects shall not be stored in corridors and lobbies.

Exceptions:

1. Corridors protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1.
2. Corridors protected by an approved smoke detection system installed in accordance with Section 907.
3. Storage in metal lockers provided the minimum required egress width is maintained.

Section 803.3.2 Artwork: Artwork and teaching materials shall be limited on the walls of corridors to no more than 20 percent of the wall area.

DECORATIVE VEGETATION

Section 804.1.1 Restricted Occupancies: Natural cut trees shall be prohibited in Group E (Educational) occupancies unless the tree is located in areas protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system.

Section 804.2 Obstruction of means of egress: The required width of any portion of a means of egress shall not be obstructed by decorative vegetation.

Section 804.4 Artificial vegetation: Artificial decorative vegetation shall be frame resistant or flame retardant. Such flame resistance and flame retardant shall be documented and certified by the manufacturer in an approved manner.

DECORATIONS AND TRIM

Section 805.1 General: In occupancy group E, curtains, draperies, hangings and other decorative materials suspended from walls or ceilings shall be flame resistant in accordance with Section 805.2 and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 701) or be noncombustible.

Section 805.1.2 Flame resistant materials: The permissible amount of flame-resistant decorative materials shall not exceed 10 percent of the aggregate area of walls and ceilings.

INTERIOR FINISH AND DECORATIVE MATERIALS

Section 806.1.3 Obstruction of means of egress: No decorations or other objects shall be placed to obstruct exits, access thereto, egress there from, or visibility thereof.