

SMALL APPLIANCES IN CLASSROOMS



Teachers often wish to have appliances in the classroom, usually for their personal use and convenience.

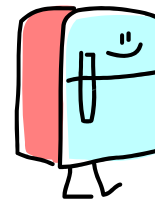
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- Additional energy costs to the district. One small refrigerator costs \$20—\$30 per year.
- Attracts rodents and insects
- Potential student and staff injuries via burns
- Spillage
 - Causes slips and falls
 - Requires extra custodial attention
- Cause of fire due to overheating, being left on or faulty wiring. If this occurs during non-school hours it could be a significant loss to the district.
- Yet more items in the classroom - if not secured can tip or fall during an earthquake.

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PRO

- Convenience



Bon Voyage

= Remove small appliances from the classrooms

Recent site inspections have identified an increase of residential lighting in classrooms and offices.

Two common problems with improvised lighting fixtures are heat and stability. Staff will put higher wattage bulbs than the rating of the fixture. These get really hot. We have found plastic covers that have melted with the heat. Even if the correct wattage bulb is used it is accessible to skin or paper. And finally because they are not securely installed, they can get knocked over or fall onto a student, employee or combustible materials.

Conclusion—Remove all residential lighting from school sites.

