

Capital Programs MEMORANDUM

To: AAPS School Building Staff
From: Bernerd Rice, Assistant Superintendent, Physical Properties & Capital Programs
Date: August 18, 2026
Re: Safe Wall Adhesion

Because AAPS school buildings have an average age of 70 years and include unique materials and conditions, particularly those constructed prior to 1978, classroom displays must be installed in ways that protect both safe learning environments and building surfaces.* In all AAPS school buildings constructed before 1978,** staff must only use wall-safe tape when posting classroom materials on building walls. Wall-safe tape is removable tape designed to hold lightweight items and, when used properly, helps prevent damage to painted surfaces. It may be used for lightweight classroom materials such as paper signs, student work, posters, schedules, and instructional displays.

Do not use nails, screws, staples, push pins, ceiling clips, fasteners, adhesives (such as glues or putty) that damage paint, or any other item that penetrates or disturbs painted surfaces.

Approved wall-safe tapes include the following:

Approved Tape	Remove Within
Scotch Wall-Safe Tape	30 days
Scotch Delicate Surface Painter's Tape	60 days
FrogTape Delicate Surface Tape	60 days
Washi Tape	14 days

If an item cannot be safely secured with wall-safe tape, please submit a work ticket in Incident IQ for review and approval by Physical Properties. This helps maintain safe learning environments, protect building surfaces, and ensures that any needed installation is handled appropriately.

Thank you for your partnership.

**For more information, please visit the [AAPS Lead Based Paint \(LBP\) Protocol](#).*

***All AAPS school buildings except Skyline High School and Westerman Preschool & Family Center were built prior to 1978.*

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