

ART ROOM CLEANING GUIDE

We recommend that all students, especially in the younger grades, wear an art smock. However, despite all precautions, accidents will occasionally happen. In the event that your child does come home with something on his/her clothing, we hope that these steps will help you.

Tempera Paint, Poster Paint, Watercolor Paint, Water-Based Block Ink:

1. Soak spot in cold water.
2. Hand scrub with bar soap, hand soap, Fels Naptha, or soap flakes (NOT detergent).
3. Work area with hands.
4. Wash as usual.

Finger Paint:

1. Let paint dry.
2. Brush area with small clothes brush to remove dried paint.
3. Soak spot in cold water.
4. Hand scrub with bar soap.
5. Work area with hands.
6. Wash as usual.

Oil Paint, Oil-Based Block Ink, Enamel:

1. Place garment on newspaper.
2. Using a stiff bristle brush, dab turpentine onto soiled area.
3. Paint should soak into newspaper.
4. Rub with soap and warm (NOT hot) water.
5. Repeat until spot is removed.
6. Wash as usual.

Ink (Other than India):

1. Soak spot in small amount of milk.
2. Hand scrub.
3. Wash as usual.

Clay:

1. Allow clay to dry thoroughly.
2. Brush dried clay from fabric with small brush.
3. Wash as usual.

Glue, Paste:

1. Soak in warm water, or boil if necessary.
2. Wash as usual.

** For non-washable fabrics, sponge with non-flammable cleaning fluid. **

India Ink, Magic Marker:

These materials contain varnish and require a solvent. Turpentine may work, but India Ink and magic marker can never be entirely removed.

Plaster:

1. Brush garment with clothes brush to remove most of the plaster
2. Wash as usual.

Rubber Cement:

1. Rub area with fingers to "ball up" cement.
2. Wash as usual.

