

GENERAL RATIONAL FOR DRY ERASE PAINT OBOLESCENCE

A. **Specific reasons the College no longer uses Dry Erase Paint:**

1. **Cost:** The cost of high-quality dry erase paint can be higher than traditional whiteboards or other writable surfaces. The cost of a gallon of dry erase paint can vary significantly depending on the brand, quality, and specific product features. On average, you can expect to pay between \$150 to \$300 per gallon.
2. **Odor and Fumes:** The application process can release strong odors and fumes, requiring good ventilation and potentially posing health risks during application.
3. **Short Pot Life:** The typical pot life of dry erase paint, which is the period during which the mixed paint remains usable and can be applied effectively, generally ranges from 1 to 4 hours. Once pot life is reached remaining product is disposed. That can be 1/2 - gallon or more of a high-cost product.
4. **Permanent Change:** Once applied, it's difficult to revert to the original wall finish without significant effort.
5. **Commercial Dry Erase Paint:** Available to contractors only. Improper product handling and storage can lead to heat build-up in paint containers to the point of hot gases causing containers to bulge, leak, or rupture.
6. **Skill Requirement:** Proper application can be challenging and might require professional help to avoid issues like streaking or bubbling.
7. **Surface Texture:** Even slight imperfections in the wall surface can affect writing and erasing quality.

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