

“ There’s No Room for Bulletin Boards or Displays in the Classroom!”

From time to time, I hear the above statement from some of my student teachers. It is true, some classrooms are small and/or have very little space available for your displays. Sometimes the cooperating teacher is utilizing some of the bulletin boards for permanent displays which he/she does not want disturbed. What are you supposed to do?

I would like to suggest the following to you:

1. Discuss the situation with your cooperating teacher. Are there any **temporary displays** and when will that space become available? May you use the space when it does become available?
2. Do you have permission to use **wall** space for a display? Sometimes you can create a “bulletin board” right on a wall by putting up background paper and a border on an actual wall. Note: Be careful what you use on painted walls! You do not want to be peeling paint off the wall when you remove your display!
3. Do you have permission to use **chalkboard** space for a display? Sometimes there is plenty of chalkboard space in a classroom. Many newer chalkboards are magnetized and you can create a “bulletin board” right on the chalkboard. Note: I caution you once again about what kind of adhesive material you use on a chalkboard! You do not want to damage it in any way!
4. Do you have permission to use any **hallway** space for a display? Note: Again, make sure you consider how you are going to get the display to adhere to the wall.
5. Is there a hallway **showcase** available for your display(s)? Perhaps you can receive permission to create your display in a glass showcase?
6. You could purchase a tri-fold display poster that could be placed on a table or desk.
7. Consider windows for displays.
8. Display student work/projects from ceiling lights.
9. Any other creative ideas you may have.

If you find yourself in a situation where display space is limited, you’ll find that I’m very flexible.