

**Tools for Schools (TFS)/Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Updates
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Did you know...that the chemicals in fragrances can cause allergic responses and trigger asthmatic symptoms in some individuals? Therefore, we have revised our TFS/IAQ Control and Improvement Procedures as of February 1st, 2012 to include that all products used in the Westport Public Schools should be low odor or fragrance free because of the potential allergic reaction they may elicit in the students or staff.

The following items should not be purchased for school use:

- Regular (scented) markers and white board markers
- Pens or pencils with additional fragrances or enhanced fragrances such as fruit scents
- Scented scratch stickers
- Rubber cement glue
- Spray adhesives
- Regular paint

When selecting products to purchase for use in school, all adults should be aware of choosing low VOC (volatile organic compounds), low odor or fragrance free options.

For Westport's full procedure on air deodorizers and fragrances in personal and district products please go to the TFS binder at your school or to the Westport district website at www.westport.k12.ct.us. Go to District – Tools for Schools Procedures. Scroll to the Indoor Air Quality Control and Improvement Procedures dated Feb 1, 2012 and see section #4 a-d.