

Use of Indoors Pyrotechnics (Fireworks):

Use of indoor pyrotechnics requires the authority having jurisdiction to issue the appropriate use permit. In New York State, the authority having jurisdiction for public schools is the State Education Department. The State Education Department will not issue permits for indoor pyrotechnic displays in public school buildings. Stage and other productions may continue to use fog machines or dry ice, as long as the use does not interfere with exiting from the building.

The code section that applies for this is Section 3308.1 of the new Fire Code of New York State which states that the display of fireworks for indoor use must comply with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Chapter 1126, Standard for the Use of Pyrotechnics before a Proximate Audience. NFPA Chapter 1126 Section 4.1.2 states that the authority having jurisdiction shall approve the use of all pyrotechnics.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Dave Clapp, Fire Safety Coordinator in the Office of Facilities Planning at: 518 474-3906 or by email at: [http://dclapp@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:dclapp@mail.nysed.gov).