

# Policy on Murals in First Year and Transfer Rooms

*This policy applies to buildings that are designated as mural buildings in the Mural Policy.*

By default, all rooms not chosen by a resident in the spring (first year and transfer rooms to be filled in the fall) except for those with solid colors or geometric patterns are repainted at the discretion of the House Operations Manager **each summer**. Rooms with solid colors or geometric patterns which are in disrepair may also be repaired if the House Operations Manager deems it appropriate. Residents who want to preserve a mural in a first year or transfer room must fill out the following application. Anyone may request that the whitewashing of a particular room be skipped on the grounds that it contains a valued mural by filling out this application and submitting it to the House Operations Manager and/or house teams, who will decide whether or not to approve the request.

If the application is approved, the incoming resident(s) of the room still retain the right to modify or remove the mural (or request that the House Operations Manager do so) without the input of the rest of the floor or hall.

Murals that are good candidates for approval will hold artistic merit and contain only inoffensive content. Murals that contain nudity, profanity, violence or other explicit content are unlikely to be approved.

This policy and application *only* applies to first year and transfer rooms. Rooms occupied by upper level students are only whitewashed at the request of the resident, regardless of the content therein.

In order to be considered, this application must be **submitted by the last day of classes in the spring semester**. Late applications may be considered on a case by case basis. The House Operations Manager will review all applications for the dorm and notify the applicant(s) of the results before the final move-out date for graduating seniors.

## Application Form for Preservation of a Mural

<https://studentlife.mit.edu/webforms/mural-preservation-application> (form is activated each spring for use)