



Michigan State will ban whiteboards from dormitory doors

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The dormitory room door whiteboard, long a form of communication among students, will not be permitted after this semester at Michigan State University.

Officials told local reporters that the whiteboards have become a tool for bullying, some of it racist or sexist.

“In any given month, there are several incidents like this. There was no one incident that was the straw that broke the camel’s back,” Kat Cooper, director of university residential services communications, told *The Detroit News*. “Sometimes these things are racial, sometimes they’re sexual in nature. There are all sorts of things that happen.”

Cooper also said that whiteboards are no longer as central to student life as some may remember. “I know that when I was in school, whiteboards were an essential form of communication with other students,” Cooper told the *News*. “It used to be that their (appropriate) usage outweighed their abuse, and that’s just not the case anymore.”