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## Dry Erase Board & Whiteboard Buying Guide



Dry erase boards and whiteboards are quintessential leaning tools. Versatile, practical, and available in a range of sizes and styles, whiteboards are beneficial in virtually any learning space and can be used to engage students of any age. Before you purchase a dry erase or whiteboard, it's best to consider the different types, materials and maintenance requirements – that way you can be sure to invest in the board that's right for you.

### School Outfitters Tips



Dry erase boards have a melamine, painted porcelain, glass or acrylic writing surface. Glass and porcelain boards are magnetic while melamine boards are not. Melamine boards are typically more affordable than glass or porcelain boards, but they tend not to last as long.



Never use permanent marker on your dry erase board. If you accidentally write in permanent marker, a **professional cleaning product** may remove it. Writing over what you've written in **dry erase marker** will help "pick up" the permanent marker.



Porcelain boards are compatible with standard "refrigerator magnets", while glass and acrylic boards are compatible with rare earth magnets only.



Over time, melamine boards are prone to "ghosting". Ghosting is the marker image left on the board's surface after cleaning. To avoid ghosting, don't leave marker ink on the board for long periods of time, and use only approved solutions to clean it.

### Dry Erase Board & Whiteboard Product Types

#### Wall-Mount Dry Erase Boards

Wall-mount dry erase boards are designed to be easily mounted to a wall. Appropriate mounting hardware is usually included with purchase. Wall-mount boards typically feature an aluminum or wood frame, though frameless options are available. Consider a board with a marker tray to store accessories or a map/tack rail to hang additional content – these features maximize your board's functionality.



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### Whiteboard Easels

Whiteboard easels add versatility to art rooms, classrooms, or any other space where students collaborate. With foldable and/or adjustable frames, whiteboard easels are easy to set up and store. Many feature frames with no-pinch clasps to display posters, pads or artwork. Shop easels with locking casters for easy maneuverability or removable plastic bins for additional classroom storage.

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### Mobile & Reversible Dry Erase Boards

Mobile and reversible dry-erase boards are beneficial in virtually any learning space: classrooms, common areas, makerspaces and more. These whiteboards are designed to be moved from space to space on durable locking casters, and typically feature a fully rotating board with a wood or aluminum frame and an accessories tray. Choose a double-sided markerboard or a markerboard and corkboard combination.

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### Whiteboard Room Dividers

Whiteboard room dividers not only provide a convenient worksurface but a way to instantly divide classroom space into smaller, more private areas. A great tool for small group work, whiteboard room panels sometimes feature sound-absorbing fabric or cork on one side and a dry erase surface on the other. For custom arrangements, look for whiteboard panels that connect to one another, or accordion-style panels that fold.

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### Acrylic & Glass Dry Erase Boards

Acrylic and glass dry erase boards, while expensive, tend to outperform porcelain or melamine counterparts. These boards are incredibly durable and long-lasting. As a nonporous surface, glass is guaranteed to never ghost or stain. Plus, it's scratch resistant and won't dent. A great option for busy classrooms, acrylic and glass boards stand up to everyday, heavy use for years on end.

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### Lapboards & Dry Erase Tablets

Lapboards and dry erase tablets provide students with a personal, portable worksurface. You'll find double or single-sided dry erase tablets, lined tablets for penmanship practice, tablets with handles and more. For added versatility, choose tablets with chalkboard or felt on one side and a dry erase surface on the other.

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### Enclosed Dry Erase Boards

Enclosed dry erase boards are ideal for public spaces like school entryways, offices, community centers and more. You'll even find enclosed whiteboards suitable for outdoor spaces, like park picnic shelters. Enclosed dry erase boards often feature shatter-resistant and lockable doors to prevent theft or tampering, plus the option to add a permanent header like a school or company name.

[Shop Enclosed Dry Erase Boards](#)



### Interactive Whiteboards

Interactive whiteboards (sometimes called smartboards) are high-tech display boards in the form of a whiteboard. These boards can function as standalone touchscreen computers or connect to and mirror content from mobile devices or projectors. Interactive whiteboards can be a great tool for connecting remote teams and engaging students.

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