

Whiteboards & Boards

1 Surface type determines total cost of ownership
A melamine board is cheapest upfront but may need replacement in 12–18 months of daily use. A porcelain board costs more upfront but typically carries a 25-year surface warranty. In any shared conference or training environment, porcelain is the lower-cost option over a 5-year horizon.

3 Glass boards require specialized wall backing
Glass boards weigh 30–80+ lbs depending on size. Standard drywall anchors are insufficient. Before specifying a glass board, confirm wall construction (drywall on studs vs. concrete/block) and verify that through-bolt or stand-off mounting hardware is included.

5 Deep clean boards monthly — not just when they look dirty
Marker residue builds up in the surface texture of even high-quality boards. Monthly cleaning with dry-erase cleaner or 70% isopropyl alcohol removes this residue before it becomes permanent staining.

7 Combination boards solve the most common meeting room challenge
Most conference and training rooms need both a writable and a display surface. A single combination board eliminates two separate installations, saves wall space, and costs less total than buying separately.

9 Match acoustic panels with visual surface to the primary goal
If acoustic absorption is primary, specify fabric-surface acoustic panels (high NRC). If heavy writing use is needed, dry-erase acoustic panels sacrifice some absorption for writing utility. Clarify which function is primary before recommending.

2 Magnetic functionality should always be specified for conference rooms
It costs little extra to upgrade from non-magnetic melamine to painted magnetic steel. Once installed, lack of magnetic function is a persistent frustration for teams that want to display agendas, project plans, or reference materials without taping things to the wall.

4 Never mount a board with the writing surface less than 30" from the floor
The industry standard is bottom edge at 34"–36" for standing use. Below 30" forces standing users to crouch awkwardly. For ADA installations, 34" satisfies both standing and wheelchair users.

6 For large training walls, multiple boards beat a single oversized board
A single 16 ft board requires extensive wall prep, complex mounting, and is difficult to ship. Three 4 ft × 6 ft boards side by side provide the same area with standard mounting and easier replacement.

8 Always spec a marker tray for wall-mount boards
Without a tray, dry-erase markers end up on tables, chairs, and floors — and they disappear. A permanent tray keeps markers at the board. Most commercial frames include one; confirm before ordering.

10 Mobile boards serve as temporary room dividers in open-plan offices
Double-sided mobile whiteboard stands can be positioned perpendicular to a workgroup as a low visual barrier and privacy screen in addition to functioning as a writing surface.