



## Flexible Arrangement Classroom—Elementary School

### The Need for Flexibility

The flexible classroom includes furniture that can be easily adapted to work with a variety of lesson styles, from the traditional lecture to hands-on group projects. Since this classroom's layout can change several times a day, furnishings need to be mobile or lightweight, to make new arrangements a breeze. The flexible classroom also gives students the freedom to choose the type of workspace that's best for them. Whether students prefer traditional school chairs, soft seating or wobble stools, incorporating a variety of seating options into your classroom ensures students stay comfortable throughout the day. Teachers should be able to choose the workspace configuration that works best with the day's lessons. Rolling solutions like mobile whiteboards or storage units allow teachers and students access tools, and present or generate ideas. Research shows that when students control their space, they are more likely to participate in class discussions or collaborations and even do better on standardized tests.

### Requirements for a Great Flexible Arrangement Classroom

For **students**, the best flexible learning space should include furnishing that keep students comfortable, so they can focus on their work. They should be able to select from a variety of workspace and seating options, have easy access to supplies and be able to move around the room with ease. Mobile or easy-to-move workstations make it simple for students to arrange themselves into large or small collaborative groups.

For **teachers**, the flexible classroom should be easily arranged and rearranged to accommodate both the need to demonstrate an idea to the whole class at once or to arrange students into smaller collaborative groups. A variety of seating and tabletop options help teachers keep their students focused and attentive throughout the day. Configurable furniture assists teachers in arranging the space to best accommodate their students' work and an easy-to-use organizational system keeps set ups and clean ups quick and simple.

For **administrators**, the flexible learning space should be equipped with products that have been selected with the specific needs of their facility in mind. All products are available when they are needed and arrive on time. Installation must be quick and efficient.

### Flexible Arrangement Solutions from School Outfitters

Research and development professionals at School Outfitters designed a learning space with every detail tailored to the needs of a flexible classroom. Our experts selected furnishings that make arranging and rearranging your classroom simple. Simply combine the **Configurable Workstation Area**, **Tech Workstation Area**, and **Storage Equipment Area** to create a great flexible learning space.

The **Configurable Workstation Area** is designed to allow students to easily transition between individual work and collaborative projects or discussions. It includes the following:

- Collaborative desks
- Mobile school chairs
- Mobile whiteboards

**Collaborative desks** can be used for individual work or quiet study but can be easily arranged in groups for projects or discussions as needed. Students can choose to work in large or small groups while brainstorming or solving problems. Flexible workspaces allow educators to present concepts to the entire class in an interactive environment, before students break into groups. Laminate tabletops easily wipe clean so they're sure to look great for years.

**Mobile school chairs** are constructed from durable, reinforced plastic that supports students as they lean back. The smooth, anti-static seats don't require a metal backrest, which means students won't snag hair or clothing on exposed rivets. Rolling casters make it easy for students to move their seating around the room needed.

**Mobile whiteboards** can be easily rolled around the room, allowing teachers to present concepts and students to brainstorm. Spacious writing surfaces let students or teachers write down ideas or progressively disclose information when they want to present it. Whiteboards can also be used to section off workspaces if needed.

The **Tech Workstation Area** accommodates technology in the classroom with specially designed workspaces that include:

- Activity tables
- Stools
- Soft seating (options B & C only)
- Charging cart

**Activity tables** offer a spacious surface for students to work on laptops or devices while spreading out notebooks or other project materials.

**Stools** give students freedom of movement as they focus on their activities, and the backless seats promote good posture and strengthen core muscles.

**Soft seating** offers comfortable seating for students working on devices. Lightweight construction makes this seating easy to move around the room.

A **charging cart** keeps all your classroom devices charged and ready for use. Locking doors keep them secure overnight. Heavy-duty rolling casters easily maneuver over any flooring, and the top doubles as an additional surface for storage or presentation.

The **Storage Equipment Area** makes collecting and distributing supplies simple and keeps unneeded materials out of the way. Furnishings in this area includes:

- Lockable cabinet
- Mobile bin storage carts
- Mobile storage carts with shelves

A **lockable storage cabinet** secures devices or other materials that may require teacher supervision. Locking items away also reduces distractions by keeping tools, supplies and projects out of view. Teachers may also opt to use this cabinet for securing personal belongings.

**Mobile bin storage carts** can be rolled directly to student work areas, making distributing and collecting supplies easy. Clear bins make it simple to locate needed materials, and they can be completely removed from the unit for use at workstations. Large and small bin sizes accommodate a variety of storage needs.

**Mobile storage carts with shelves** provide spacious areas that are perfect for storing in-progress projects or displaying completed projects. Rolling casters make it easy to move the units out of the way when necessary.

### **Choosing your Flexible Arrangement Classroom Solutions**

School Outfitters makes it simple to outfit a classroom designed for flexibility. Choose the option that best fits your budget and needs, and with just one click, you get an itemized quote for this classroom, including all three of our specially-designed stations. Our helpful sales representatives are happy to answer any questions about our bundles and how you can put them to use in your project-based learning classroom. Just give us a call 1-800-260-2776.