

SETTING UP YOUR CLASSROOM --- FURNITURE

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Believe it or not, furniture layout can effect behavior!

Classroom management issues can be addressed PROACTIVELY by ensuring a functional set up.

Focus on structure, order, routines and procedures at the start of the school year.

It is easier to become less structured than it is to become structured.



Furniture: Focus on flow, functionality and structure!

- Think about:
 - How many students will I have?
 - Do I have enough desks/tables?
 - What configuration will be most successful from day one?
 - What processes and routines do you have in your classroom and does your layout allow for easy completion of those expectations?
- Plan the space on paper!



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Furniture: Things to Consider



- Does your layout allow for movement between desks/tables?
- Can desks be easily grouped for collaboration?
- Where will you do “whole class instruction?”
- Can you monitor all students at all times no matter where you are in the classroom?
- Do you need or want flexible seating options? (i.e. stand up desks, balls, couches)
- What role does technology play in your classroom and how do you create space for it?

A few more ideas...

- Consider students with special needs
- Create distinct areas (class library, whole group area, break/calming space, etc.)
- Add personal touches
- Keep supplies within reach
- Keep high traffic areas open (i.e. pencil sharpener)
- Consider storage needs (for your students and you)
- Make sure electrical outlets are easily accessible
- Ensure a safe route out of the classroom for fire drills, etc.



Other innovative thoughts...



- [35 Cheap and Ingenious Ways to Have the Best Classroom Ever](#)
- [Classroom Remix: 9 Pieces of Furniture That Will Change the Way Your Students Learn](#)
- [And...as always...check out Pinterest](#)
- Ask parents and community for donations (double check your policies first)

Examples-Early Childhood



Examples-Elementary



Examples-Middle School



Examples-High School



Examples-Self Contained Special Education



Examples-Resource Room, Small Group



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