

Blended Learning Classroom—Elementary School

The Need for Blended Learning

The blended-learning classroom combines both technology and face-to-face collaboration while helping students learn and master their lesson material. Computers or devices should be easily accessible to students for use during lessons or research and to teachers for use in assessing performance or charting progress. A dedicated area for computer usage should provide enough space to work on a computer as well as spread out books and other materials. A spacious work area allows students to participate in small-group mentoring with their teacher or collaborate on a project.

Requirements for a Great Blended Learning Classroom

For **students**, a great blended learning space should include easy access to computers, laptops or tablets and enough space to spread out books or other materials. Work surfaces should include grommet holes or wire management systems to keep cables out of the way. A readily accessible collaborative space should be available for discussion groups or teacher mentoring. Students should be able to move around the room with ease.

For **teachers**, the best blended learning classroom should feature a dedicated space for technology use and collaborative tables to accommodate breakout sessions, group discussion or mentoring. A charging cart makes it simple to keep student devices ready for use, since they can be locked away and charged overnight. Mobile or lightweight seating is ideal since it can be easily moved between the technology and collaborative areas.

For **administrators**, a blended learning space should be comprised of furnishings selected with the needs of their school in mind, and all products must be available at the time they are needed. The delivery must arrive on time and installation should be quick and efficient.

Blended Learning Solutions from School Outfitters

School Outfitters' research and development team designed a learning space that caters to the needs of the blended learning classroom. We've selected furnishings that facilitate efficient and effective technology and collaborative work. The Collaboration Area Solution, Teacher-Led Discussion Area Solution, and Technology Area Solution make creating a blended learning classroom simple.

The **Collaboration Area** was designed to assist teachers and students in creating a space that accommodates group work and projects. It includes:

- Collaborative tables
- Stools
- Mobile whiteboard easels
- Mobile classroom storage carts

Collaborative tables are designed to work together so students can quickly arrange themselves for group projects and discussions. Use the tables individually to seat two or three students for small group work or push them together for larger projects.

Stools offer sturdy seating and a backless design that encourages good posture and strengthens core muscles throughout the day.

Whiteboard easels can be easily rolled to workstations, so students can brainstorm and capture ideas on the fly. Spacious writing surfaces let students jot down ideas or brainstorm on the fly. Easels can also be used to section off workspaces if needed.

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

The Teacher-Led Discussion Area gives teachers a place to present lesson material to the whole class. It includes

- Collaborative desks
- School chairs
- Teacher desk
- Teacher chair
- Storage cabinet

Collaborative desks give students their own workspace for independent assignments or study. Specially designed shapes and their lightweight design makes them easy to push into groups for collaborative work.

School chairs are made from durable, soft plastic that flexes with students as they lean back or change positions. The

smooth, anti-static seats prevent annoying shocks, and a lightweight design makes it easy for students to pick them up and move them around the room.

The **teacher desk** offers educators a place to store materials and personal belongings, and the spacious desktop doubles as a presentation surface during teacher-led discussions.

The teacher chair offers comfortable seating for teachers as they work on lesson plans or grade projects.

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

The Technology Area gives teachers a place to present lesson material to the whole class. It includes

- Computer tables
- School chairs
- Charging Cart

Computer tables offer a spacious surface for students to work on desktops or devices while spreading out notebooks or other project materials. Grommet holes keep wires and cables out of the way.

School chairs are made from durable, soft plastic that flexes with students as they lean back or change positions. The smooth, anti-static seats prevent annoying shocks, and a lightweight design makes it easy for students to pick them up and move them 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.

Choosing your Blended Learning Classroom Solutions

School Outfitters makes it simple to outfit your blended learning classroom. 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 solutions. Our helpful sales representatives are happy to answer any questions about our bundles and how you can put them to use in your blended learning classroom. Just give us a call 1-800-260-2776.