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# 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

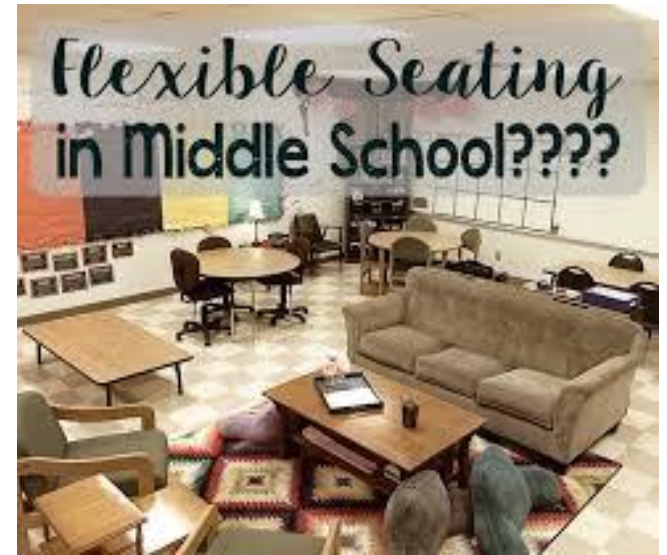


# Examples - Elementary





# Examples-Middle School



# Examples-High School



# Examples- Self Contained Special Education



# Examples- Resource Room, Small Group



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