Socially ↔ Distant Learning

Creating Safe and Beneficial Post-COVID Learning Environments
School Furniture to Enable the 3 R’s of Safe Learning

What resources are needed, and how can schools practice social distancing and maintain safe classroom spaces?

We have the solutions.

Plan and Prepare Safe and Beneficial Post-COVID Learning Environments

Among the uncertainty of COVID-19, one thing is for sure. The global pandemic has caused a substantial pivot in the K–12 educational landscape, at least for now. In-person and virtual learning require seriously restructured learning environments and routines that help everyone be and feel safe.

That’s why we’ve used our design and innovation background to develop solutions. Keep reading to learn more about the 3 R’s of safe learning.
Solution #1: **Reconfiguring.**

![Image of a classroom with desks spaced six feet apart](image)

Schools can rearrange classroom furniture to create six feet of physical distance. Doing so also gives students a visual reminder to respect the radius and safely separate from other students.

Creating physical distance can also happen by repurposing larger spaces like the gym and cafeteria with desks and chairs to accommodate social distancing. Teachers might also move classrooms outdoors for part of the day.
Solution #2: Retrofitting.

Retrofitting classrooms is about creating division using screens, panels, sneeze guards, partitions or other barriers where physical distancing is a challenge. Schools can easily move these throughout the classroom or remove them as safety concerns change.

Smith System offers several options to create barriers. They include clear desktop barrier screens and standing barriers screens to place between students.
Solution #3: Remote Learning.

Giving students a dedicated desk-chair setup at home can improve focus which benefits everyone – learners, teachers, school districts and parents.

Most school administrators know the role quality classroom furniture has on improving learning engagement. Now, during a global pandemic that has forced remote learning, it’s no surprise that replicating a similar desk-chair setup for students in their homes may bring similar results.

Oodle™ Adjustable Height Stool in Apple
To meet the need for these solutions, we have done the research and hand-selected products to prepare for a safe and beneficial school year.
Oodle™ Adjustable Height Stool
*Available with one or three rocker bases*
*Peel and Stick Felt for Movement Disc available*
*Only Movement disc also available*
- Cerulean
- Apple
- Charcoal

*Oodle is intended for carpeted surfaces. Specify Felt for use on hard surface flooring.*

Flavors® Stack Chair
*Available in 10", 12", 14", 16" and 18”*
- Persian blue
- Apple
- Black
- Cerulean
- Charcoal
- Frame Finishes
  - Chrome
  - Platinum

Groove® Stack Chair
*Available in 14", 16” and 18”*
- Persian blue
- Apple
- Black
- Cerulean
- Charcoal
- Frame Finishes
  - Chrome
  - Platinum

Planner® Studio Mobile Whiteboard
*Fixed-Height with Casters*
- Cerulean
- Apple
- Platinum
the products

Silhouette® Single Student Desk
Available fixed height or adjustable height
Available with casters or glides
Available with tote tray

Interchange® Mini Diamond Desk
Available with low range insert (17” - 21”)
Available with tote tray

Cascade® Mini-Case
Available open with shelves
or open with five 3” EW totes

Cascade® Mid-Case
Available in door with shelves + riser

Cascade® Mega-Case
Available in door with shelves + riser

Cascade® Mega-Tower
Available in:
Open with shelves
Open with shelves and whiteboard back
Open with thirty-six 3” SW totes
Open with nine 3” and nine 6” and three 12” SW totes
Open with nine 3” and fifteen 6” SW totes
Open with twenty-four 3” EW totes
Open with fourteen 3” and six 6” EW totes
Without question, guarding against the transmission of COVID-19 will be a massive and potentially costly challenge for educational leaders.

**Smith System is here to help.**

We have the solutions, no matter which “R” your school is using - reconfiguring spaces, retrofitting with barriers or remote learning.

And as education’s new normal continues to evolve, we’ll continue to stay thoughtful and deliberate in helping K-12 schools move forward with safe learning.

For more information about this program, product or color availability, please contact Bill Stoyke at BStoyke@smithsystem.com

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