

Spaces that allow the youngest students to explore and play safely in inspirational surroundings.

Pre-K classrooms are designed to support the cognitive, social emotional and academic development of the children. When designing the classroom layout, consider, safety, zones for learning, age-appropriate learning materials, appropriately sized chairs and tables, and accessible storage for learning materials.

Early learners learn through play and communication. The environment should spark their imagination, inviting learning through exploration and collaboration. Reconfigurable spaces are safe and secure and need to meet the demands of a dynamic and active environment. Use these questions to guide your classroom layout and furniture selection.

What is the primary teaching method for your pre-school?

- Playway Method
- Reggio Emilia Method
- Waldorf Method
- Montessori Method
- Bank Street Method

How will the space function?

- Flexible spaces for students to play
- Floor space for learning activities
- Wet spaces for art, science, and water play activities
- Learning centers with space throughout the room
- Other: _____

What furniture do you need?

- Tables for collaboration
- Individual student seating
- Movement seating
- Soft seating for reading nooks and quiet zones

What are your storage requirements?

- Lockable storage
- Accessible (open) shelving or cubbies
- Open front cabinets
- Bins for individual student supplies