

# CLASSROOM DESIGN



Did you know that the way you structure your classroom design can actually boost learning in students, reduce disruptive behavior, and keep students on task? Keep these 5 things in mind when you arrange your next classroom space:

## COLOR

Adding color is an easy way to make spaces more engaging.



**RED:** Invokes passion and grabs and focuses attention

**YELLOW:** Is cheerful and bright

**GREEN:** Is relaxing, quiet, and increases creativity

**BLUE:** Provides comfort and security

## LIGHT



Keep the classroom bright. Students who are exposed to more daylight score higher on math and reading tests.

## DIGITAL SPACES

Create digital experiences that connect students and provide user-paced, student-centered lessons as a way to add another dimension to the physical space.



## LAYOUT

Changes in classroom layout can result in a 45% increase in academic engagement.

- If desks are placed in groups, or you use tables, students will have the ability to participate in group work and discussions.
- Placing desks in a half-circle shape – facing the front – can promote a sense of community and allow the teacher to see all of the students at once.
- Introduce flexible seating. Stability balls, bean bags, and wobble seats, rather than traditional chairs, can increase oxygen flow and motivation.

## WALLS

Are the walls overwhelming? Make them more welcoming and improve student focus and engagement by...

- Removing clutter - keep 20-50% of wall space clear to prevent over-stimulation.
- Consider adding writable surfaces for brainstorming and problem-solving.

