



Cafeteria Tables Buying Guide



Cafeteria tables come in a variety of shapes, sizes and styles to fit most any space and student capacity. By design, cafeteria tables have easy-to-clean surfaces, casters for maneuvering, safety features for storage and special edges to prevent food from getting trapped. Choose from cafeteria tables with built-in benches or stools, with seating capacities up to 16 children or without attached seats to accommodate chairs as needed. Their foldability makes rearranging and storing an easy task, plus opens the floor up for better cleaning.

Common Cafeteria Table Features

Easy-to-clean
and durable
laminate top

Torsion bars make unfolding
or folding the table for
storage a cinch

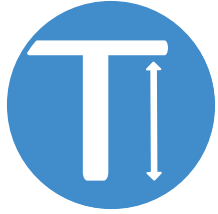
Vinyl edge banding
prevents food
build up

Locking swivel casters
provide smooth
maneuverability

Multiple points of entry
let kids easily get in
and out of their seats



School Outfitters Tips



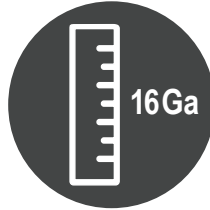
Standard table height is 29 inches with 18-inch-high benches or stools. To accommodate younger students, look for tables that are 27 inches high with 16-inch-high seats.



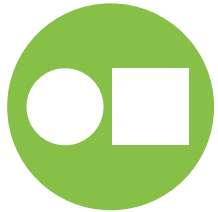
Most tabletops have a particleboard or plywood core with a high-pressure laminate top for easy cleaning. Particleboard is lightweight and sturdy – a great choice if you frequently move tables around. Plywood is stronger and will hold up longer under heavy use.



Opt for table edges protected with vinyl T-molding or spray-on epoxy to prevent picking and food build-up.



Tables have steel tube frames that range from 14 gauge to 20 gauge. The lower the gauge the stronger the steel.



Standard cafeteria tables come in a variety of shapes including rectangular, round, elliptical and square, and with or without attached benches or stools. Attached seating takes up less floor space than individual chairs.



Look for safety components like anti-tipping features, torsion bars and springs for easy lifting and steel latches for storage and in-use positions.

Table Configurations

Mobile Bench Cafeteria Table



This style of cafeteria table has attached bench seating in a variety of configurations. It allows students to sit as close together or as far apart as the occasion demands. Look for multiple points of entry to allow students to get in and out of their seats easily. Heavy-duty locking casters allow for easy rearranging and maneuverability when cleaning.

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Mobile Stool Cafeteria Table



Stools that are attached to the cafeteria table are easy for students to get in and out of. This type of seating works well for individuals and provides plenty of personal space. Stool seating also works well if you know exactly how many students you'll have seated. Plus, stools are available in multiple colors to match your school's colors.

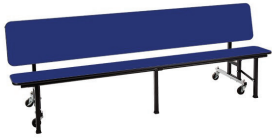
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Mobile Cafeteria Table without Attached Seats



If your cafeteria is used as a multi-purpose space, mobile tables can make the transition between activities faster and easier. Wheels also help with cleaning as the floor can be more readily accessed. For safety, wheels can be locked in place to prevent accidental movement while students get in and out of their seats.

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Convertible Bench Cafeteria Table

A convertible bench cafeteria table can function as a single-sided table, a bench with a back or a full-sized cafeteria table when connected to another convertible bench table. A great choice where cafeteria space is limited or there's a routine need for flexibility.

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Folding Bench Cafeteria Table

This style of cafeteria table provides bench style seating for a rectangular shaped table. Each of the benches fold up for easy cleaning underneath and can be removed to accommodate those in wheelchairs. This cafeteria table folds up flat to help minimize its storage footprint.

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Booth & Cluster Seating

Booth and cluster seating is great for cafés, common areas, banquet halls and more. Booth seating is comfortable, colorful and available in easy-to-clean materials like vinyl or polyurethane. However, it is generally not as versatile as mobile or convertible cafeteria tables.

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