



Classroom Storage Buying Guide



Organizing a classroom can seem like a never-ending task but with the right storage solutions, keeping school supplies in order can be simple. Here is a quick guide to the different classroom storage options available.

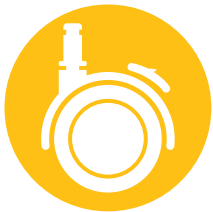
School Outfitters Tips



Storage carts and cabinets are all made of durable materials. Metal is the strongest option, particleboard and plastic are lightweight, more affordable options while wood is heavy and sturdy.



Tall classroom storage options offer more space in a centralized area. Short storage cabinets and cubbies are easier for young students to use and can double as flexible seating.



Choose storage options with wheels to help flexible classrooms reduce clutter and keep open spaces clear.



Consider what will need to be stored. Storage that locks is the best way to keep supplies and devices safe from theft and tampering.

Types of Classroom Storage

Cubbies

Classroom cubby storage units are a convenient way to store and retrieve items quickly. Depending on the size of the unit each cubby can hold games, toys, backpacks, coats and more. Assigning cubbies to students can give them a sense of ownership and begin teaching them responsibility. With different colors available, it's easy to add cubbies to any classroom design. Most cubbies feature rounded corners and are specifically designed to prevent tipping, making them ideal for busy classrooms.



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Classroom Book Storage

Organizing a classroom library can be simple with the right pieces of furniture to help. Some educators make use of [seating with book slots](#), which are convenient and comfortable. Book browsers and book display stands are low to the ground and hold plenty of books so that students can easily pick their next read. Book shelves and towers are tall enough to offer tons of books to students. Designed with rounded corners, durable materials and stable bases these book storage solutions are ideal for K-12 classrooms.

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Classroom Storage Shelves

Shelves are the simplest way to organize a classroom. Useful not only for books, shelving units can hold toys, games, tools and more. Standard bookcases are ideal for storing lots of items, but shelves are also available in round and even folding units that can add a stylish touch to your classroom décor. Different heights can make it easier for students to browse or keep them from reaching fragile or valuable items. Optional cabinet doors for the topmost shelves can further protect students from potentially dangerous supplies without taking up more space.

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Tote Tray Storage

Totes are extremely helpful to organizing a classroom. With a wide selection of sizes, shapes and colors, tote trays can hold just about anything. Organized storage of markers, paper, toys and more is simple with just a few classroom storage bins. These bins can be stored on shelves, on teacher rolling carts, in cabinets or even [built into tables](#). Clear trays make it easy to quickly find exactly what you need, while colorful trays are fun and make labels pop. Utilizing tote tray storage is an affordable way to maintain classroom organization.

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Laptop Storage

Safe storage is important to extending the life of laptops, Chromebooks and tablets being used by students. Laptop storage carts offer security with locking doors while charging the devices inside. Other options offer students classroom iPad and cell phone storage that keeps devices charged during lessons or study sessions, reducing distractions in classrooms and libraries. Laptop and device storage carts and trolleys also allow IT teams to conveniently monitor devices while troubleshooting or repairing them.

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Mobile Book Carts

While they do make for excellent bookshelves, mobile book carts are much more versatile than their name suggests. Ideal for toys, construction paper and totes, these rolling storage carts can hold and organize almost anything. There are a variety of styles available from carts with tops that can hold additional supplies to ventilated carts perfect for transporting electronics. Typically made of metal or wood, these highly durable carts are designed to roll smoothly throughout schools on a daily basis, withstanding the wear and tear of supporting busy libraries and classrooms.

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Teacher Wardrobes

Classroom wardrobes typically feature a combination of shelves and a hanging rack, making them the perfect place to keep bags and coats during class. The extra shelving is ideal for classroom supplies such as paper and markers. Add locking doors to secure items and keep them out of the hands of small children. These wide cabinets are built with durable materials and are designed to store everything educators need.

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Certifications



BIFMA Certified

The Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturer's Association, or BIFMA, certification is a voluntary standard that a product has met stringent third-party sustainability requirements. This certification ensures the product is durable, has longevity and promotes a healthy work environment.



CPSIA Compliant

Products that are compliant to the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008, or CPSIA, meet the rigorous requirements set by Congress on several hazardous substances commonly found in consumer products, especially products for children ages 0-12. CPSIA regulations enforce restrictions on levels of lead and phthalates, as well as third-party testing by accredited laboratories.



GREENGUARD Gold Certified

GREENGUARD Gold Certification is GEI's second tier of certification. Products that are GREENGUARD Gold Certified meet an even lower level of chemical emissions plus health-based criteria for additional chemicals. GREENGUARD Gold products meet in the indoor air quality needs of sensitive environments like schools, daycares and health care facilities.



MAS Certified

Products that are MAS Certified meet the stringent standards for low chemical emissions set by Materials Analytical Services, LLC, an industry-independent organization and leader in emissions testing development and compliance. Products that are MAS Certified contribute to healthier indoor air. MAS certification is recognized and accredited by LEED and BIFMA.