

# Cubby & Preschool Locker Buying Guide



Storage in early learning classrooms can be at a premium with the various teaching supplies required. Cubbies and lockers provide an easy solution for organizing these resources. These versatile classroom furnishings can be designed to accommodate various storage such as lockers for student belongings or papers for artwork. Locker cubbies can have convenient built-in benches for tying shoes or buttoning up jackets. Cubbies vary in size and can exceed 30 openings. They can also be wall-mounted, freestanding or equipped with wheels. If preferred, cubbies can be shipped pre-assembled and ready for use.

## **Features to Consider**

MATERIAL		
Plywood	Melamine	Hardwood
Plywood is an engineered wood that's durable, lightweight and cost-effective. Baltic birch is a common and strong plywood.	Made by fusing hard plastic laminate with wood fibers under high pressure. Resists scratches and stains.	Hardwoods like maple are naturally beautiful and long-lasting; typically more expensive than plywood or melamine.
COMPONENTS		
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Casters	Bins	UV Finish
Makes moving, sharing or reconfiguring the unit easy. Locks prevent movement when in use.	Ideal for storing and organizing small or easily lost items; keeps supplies accesible.	Preserves the wood for years; creates a scratchand stain-resistant surface.

# **School Outfitters Tips**



Look for cubbies with rounded corners for added safety.



Look for a UV finish, which prolongs the lifespan of the wood, protects the surface from stains and chemicals and makes it easy to clean.



Consider having extra cubby openings in case your class size increases.



Many styles have heights that are easily accessible to children. To keep items out of reach, opt for wall mount cubbies or those with cabinets that lock.



Tote bins can be added at any time in clear, color and basket options.



Look for GREENGUARD certified furniture with low chemical emissions to protect the health of active early learners.

# **Cubby & Locker Types**



### Cubby

Cubbies are box-like compartments with open fronts that are used to store student belongings. They are a popular furniture choice in preschools, daycares and early elementary classrooms to save space and help classroom supplies stay organized. Cubby openings can vary greatly in number, with some exceeding 25. Popular materials for construction include plywood, melamine and steel.

**Shop Cubbies** 



### **Locker Cubby**

Locker cubbies resemble traditional lockers but without doors and are ideal for storing larger personal items. Rectangular openings are equipped with hooks to hold a student's coat and backpacks. Depending on the style, locker cubbies can have additional storage with shelving and bins or plastic totes. Many are bench cubbies where students can sit and remove boots or tie their shoes. These lockers are typically made from wood and melamine.

**Shop Locker Cubbies** 



### **Wall-Mount Cubby**

The option to affix a cubby to the wall frees up valuable floor space. Choose from styles that include storage bins, double hooks for hanging jackets and even an array of colors.

**Shop Wall-Mount Cubbies** 



### **Plastic Storage Tub**

To prevent personal items from getting lost and make clean-ups quick, plastic storage tubs are ideal. Sized to fit a cubby hole, tubs can be clear for easy viewing of contents or colored for classroom organization.

**Shop Plastic Storage Tubs** 



### Paper Storage Cubby

Organizing papers and homework is made easy with paper storage cubbies. This style of cubby comes equipped with shallow openings and slots sized to fit paper. Tote storage can be added.

**Shop Paper Storage Cubbies** 

# **Certifications**



### **GREENGUARD** Certified

Products that are GREENGUARD Certified meet the stringent standards for low chemical emissions set by the Greenguard Environmental Institute (GEI), an industry independent organization that aims to improve indoor air quality. Products that are GREENGUARD Certified reduce people's exposure to chemicals and other pollutants, improving overall health. GREENGUARD Certification is GEI's first certification offering.



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### **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.