



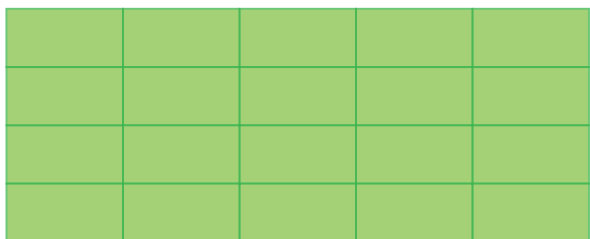
Portable Stages & Risers Buying Guide



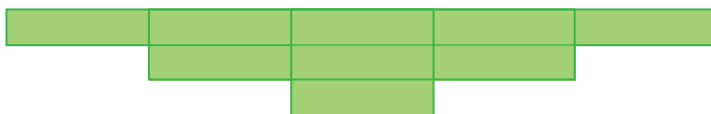
Finding stages for your school events that are durable and safe is important. The right stage or riser should fit your space and look great during graduation and student performances. From chorus risers to mobile stages, there are plenty of options to choose from and knowing the differences between each style will help you find exactly what you need.

Popular Stage Configurations

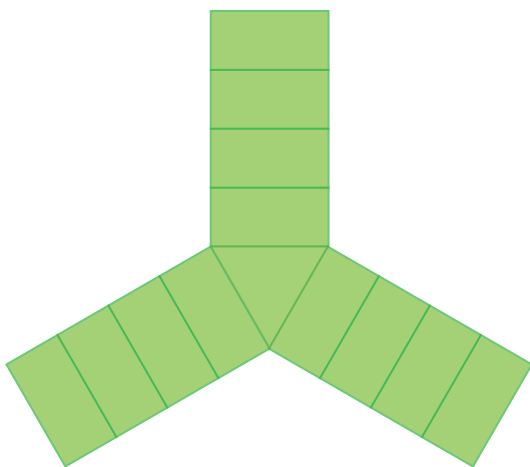
Most stages and risers are modular and so can be combined to create larger performance spaces, backstage areas and room for stage steps.



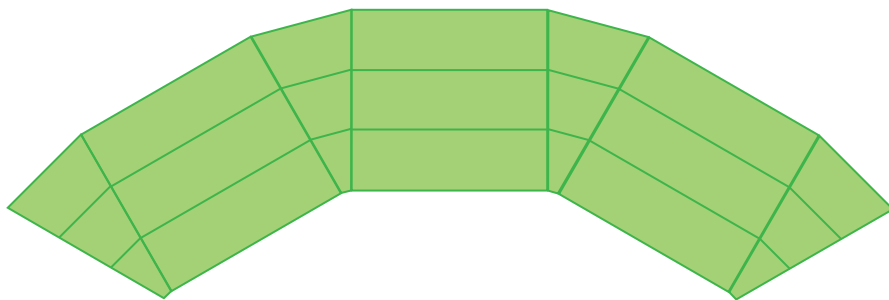
Standard Stage



Standard Riser



Y-Shaped



Curved

School Outfitters Tips



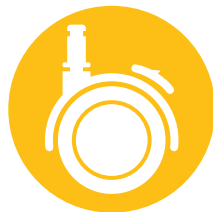
Stages and risers have key differences. Risers consist of tiered platforms ideal for choir performances or for musicians in chairs. Stages are even platforms meant for movement-focused events and shows.



The bigger a room is, the taller your stage should be in order to let the back of the audience get a full view of your event. With low ceilings, you'll want shorter stage platforms and possibly some **floor seating**.



Water-resistant stages are ideal for temporary outdoor usage, but will warp with standing water and should be covered or brought inside during poor weather. Fully **waterproof stages** can be left outside permanently.



Consider how often you will need to move your set. Most portable stages can be folded for quick set-up and easy transportation. Some stages have wheels to make moving easier, while other stages can simply be carried on carts if they need to be moved.

Types of Portable Stages & Risers



Single-Height Stages

This style of portable stage platform features a fixed-height base. Single-height stages are typically more affordable than adjustable-height stages, but offer less flexibility. These sturdy stages are ideal if you want a platform for one specific type of show.

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Dual-Height Stages

Dual-height stages are just as strong as fixed-height stages, but feature adjustable-height bases. These platforms are perfect for schools that need a stage versatile enough to handle multiple age groups and different types of events.

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Mobile Stages & Risers

If you plan on frequently moving your performance area, a portable stage on wheels is the right choice. These options feature strong, smooth rolling casters that allow folded stages and risers to simply be pushed wherever they need to go. Schools that utilize both indoor and paved outdoor performance spaces would do especially well with mobile stages and risers.

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Straight Riser

Straight risers are the standard style of tiered stages and work well as stand-alone units or paired with other straight risers. Every platform on the stage is identical, regardless of height. They are an affordable option for simple layouts.

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Tapered Riser

Tapered risers are designed to create curved stages. Featuring angled edges on platforms that increase in length with each level, these stages can easily be combined with other tapered risers to form semi-circular performance areas.

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Hardboard Deck

The most simple and affordable type of stage surface, hardboard decks are often built with strong and sturdy plywood. Although they are not designed to be left outside indefinitely, some hardwood decks have a top layer made of polypropylene, which is a durable and non-slip plastic material that is easy to clean and water resistant, making these portable stages a good option for outdoor events and performances.

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Carpet Deck

Carpeted deck stages are covered in short, commercial-grade carpet, available in a variety of colors. Though often more expensive than plain hardwood decks, carpeted decks give your stage a stylish look and provide much more sound absorption than non-carpeted decks.

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Steps & Guardrails

Steps and guardrails make it easy to quickly enter and exit the stage during school productions while maintaining safety. We advise using steps and guardrails for any stage taller than eight inches. Having one step for every eight inches of stage height keeps your students safe. Guardrails make sure that any missteps during performances don't result in an injury. Attaching guardrails to the sides and back of a stage gives students a place to rebalance themselves if they slip or trip.

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Stage Skirting

Simple and elegant fabric can be wrapped around stages to hide platform legs and any wires or other equipment being stored below the deck. Choose between relaxed shirred fabric or clean-cut pleated fabric for stage skirting that gives a finished look to your performance area.

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