



Storage Cabinets Buying Guide



Properly storing supplies and equipment is extremely important to maintaining organization in schools and businesses. School Outfitters offers a wide selection of classroom storage cabinets ready to serve a variety of needs. This buying guide will help you determine what type of storage cabinet will work best for your space.

School Outfitters Tips



Adjustable shelves can fit both bulky and compact items in the same cabinet. Heavy-duty cabinet shelves can support hundreds of pounds of evenly distributed weight.



Storage cabinets with locks can secure valuables and prevent students from grabbing cleaning chemicals or any other potentially dangerous supplies.



Pre-assembled cabinets are convenient, but often require delivery coordination. Storage cabinets that require assembly take time to put together, but typically cost less.



Tall cabinets must be securely anchored to wall studs or similar structural supports with appropriate mounting hardware to ensure safety.

Types of Storage Cabinets



Metal Storage Cabinet

Metal cabinets are known for being extremely durable and for their ability to house heavy materials despite their light weight. Tall metal storage cabinets offer plenty of space with adjustable shelving designed to accommodate a variety of supplies. Heavy-duty models are built to support hundreds of pounds of evenly distributed weight on each shelf, making it easy to store large or dense equipment. Additional features like hanger bars, totes or wheels further increase the versatility of the cabinets. Strong metal cabinets come in a variety of sizes and colors, making them ideal for school storage.

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Wooden Storage Cabinets

Wood storage cabinets are another dependable style available for a wide range of uses. Their heavy build makes wood storage cabinets very sturdy and able to support lots of weight. The classic wood style looks good among any décor and most cabinets feature a protective lacquer making them resistant to scratches. Most styles also have **rounded corners**, making them a safe choice for students. Many different sizes and shelving arrangements are available from simple shelves to cubbies to a mix of both.

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Rolling Storage Cabinets

When supplies are limited, mobility is key. Rolling cabinets make it easy to move supplies quickly and safely. Rolling metal storage cabinets and wooden storage cabinets on wheels are perfect for supplies that need to change rooms a few times per year. Plastic rolling storage cabinets are ultra-lightweight and have plenty of drawers or shelves. These cabinets are ideal as school storage cabinets for supplies that need to be kept organized as they are frequently shared between rooms.

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Wall-Mount Storage Cabinets

Storing supplies in a wall-mounted cabinet is convenient for quickly accessing supplies without leaving them in reach of children. Supplies such as band-aids, diapers, wipes and more can be kept close at hand for adults while also being kept dry and sterile. Wall-mount cabinets are convenient for lab use as well and many styles feature a **chemical-resistant protective coating**. Choose between metal and wooden cabinets with options like windowed doors or peg boards for even more storage solutions that can perfectly suit your needs.

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Filing Cabinets

The quintessential paper file storage cabinet is still the ideal way to safely store forms, records and other important documents. Filing cabinets are sturdy, durable and feature internal hanging systems for folders. Tall cabinets are ideal for storing lots of files while short cabinets are great for conveniently placing underneath desks or combining with a **padded seat**. Both wooden and metal options are available to suit any décor and you can choose between lateral and vertical file cabinet organization.

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Metal Mesh Storage Cabinets

For items that need constant airflow such as sporting and outdoor equipment, mesh metal storage cabinets are the best solution. This type of cabinet features strong welded metal construction that can support hundreds of pounds of evenly distributed weight on each shelf. A variety of sizes are available with or without shelving so you can store items big and small. Some mesh storage cabinets are modular, allowing multiple units to be easily connected. Choose mesh cabinets with smooth rolling casters for even more versatility.

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Hazmat Storage Cabinets

Hazmat storage cabinets are important to keeping chemicals and the people who handle them safe. Designed to keep contents dry and protected against flames, these highly durable storage cabinets feature ventilation and drip trays in case of spills or other issues. The weight capacity per shelf for these cabinets is much higher than normal in order to support large quantities of liquid. Never worry about expensive or potentially dangerous chemicals with high-quality hazmat storage cabinets.

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Industrial Storage Cabinets

Designed to handle heavy-duty equipment and materials, industrial storage cabinets are the best option for workshops. These cabinets have increased weight capacity compared to other storage cabinets and are extremely sturdy. Adjustable shelves and optional features such as pin boards or hanging bars provide ample storage for electronics, protective gear, tools and more. No matter what type of shop materials you have, durable industrial storage cabinets can fully serve your needs.

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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.



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