

27 Ways You Can Use Your ESSER Funds

A handy guide on how schools can use CARES Act Elementary & Secondary School Relief Funds (ESSER Funds) in school spaces.



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At School Outfitters, we want to help schools use their ESSER funds on the right furniture and equipment to reopen safely and remediate learning loss. Here are 27 ways schools can use their funds to get back to full in-person learning as soon as possible.

Classrooms

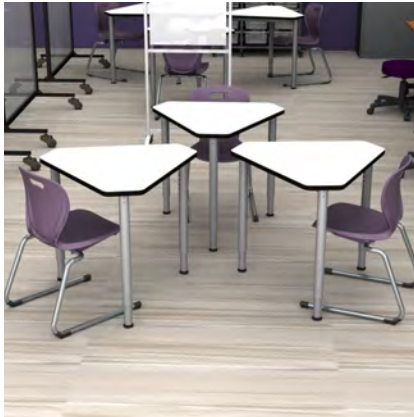
Think mobile and/or single-student desks and chairs to allow social distancing and easy reconfiguration. Tabletop screens are inexpensive and may protect students from airborne bacteria, while mobile whiteboards can double as room partitions for group separation.



Tabletop Screens & Desk Screens ▶



School Chairs ▶



Single-Student Desks ▶



Mobile/Collaborative Desks ▶



Mobile Whiteboards ▶

Outdoor Classrooms

Consider new picnic tables or outdoor benches to account for an increase in outdoor activities and dining. Portable outdoor sinks and hand sanitation stations make it quick and easy for students to disinfect, no matter where they are.



Picnic Tables ▶



**Outdoor Sinks & Hand
Sterilizing Stations ▶**



Outdoor Benches ▶

Labs & Makerspaces

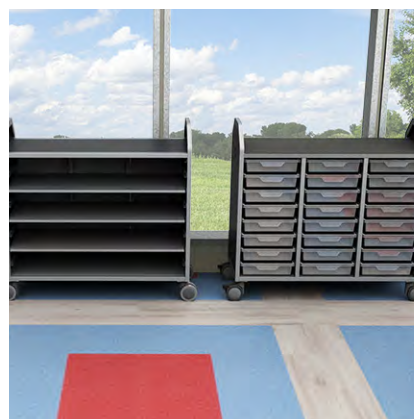
Consider mobile bin shelving to keep lab supplies for each student separated, or even mobile science stations to allow greater social distancing. Sanitation equipment like germicidal cabinets make it quick and easy to sterilize shared lab supplies.



Mobile Science Stations ▶



Sanitizing Equipment ▶



Bin Shelving ▶

Early Learning Classrooms

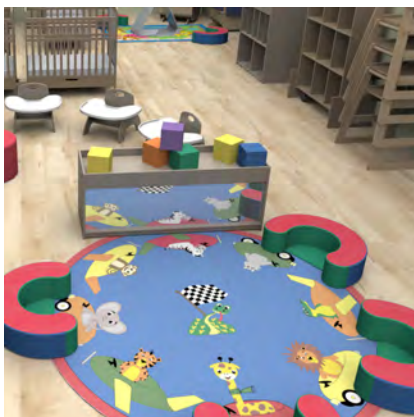
Opt for antimicrobial rugs, which inhibit the growth of bacteria, mold and mildew, or additional classroom cubbies to keep student supplies separated. Preschool room dividers can act as play panels plus social dividers.



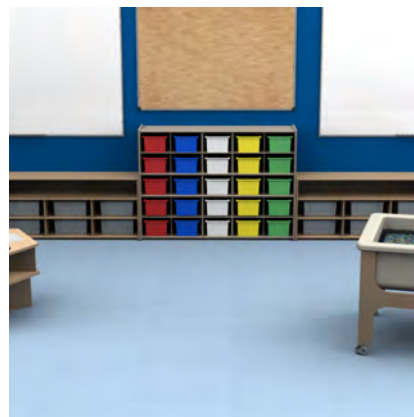
Preschool Room Dividers ▶



Preschool Cedar Furniture ▶



Antimicrobial Rugs ▶



Classroom Shelving & Cubbies ▶



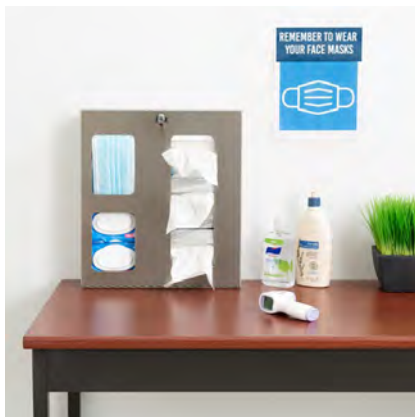
Preschool Mobile/ Collaborative Tables ▶

Main Entryways/Common Areas/Offices

Invest in crowd control stanchions to more safely direct the flow of traffic, plus health and safety signage to encourage social distancing and hand washing. Spaced-out single-person lounge chairs can keep users comfortable yet distanced.



Lounge Chairs ►



Hand Sanitizer
Dispensers & Stations ►



Health & Safety
Signage ►



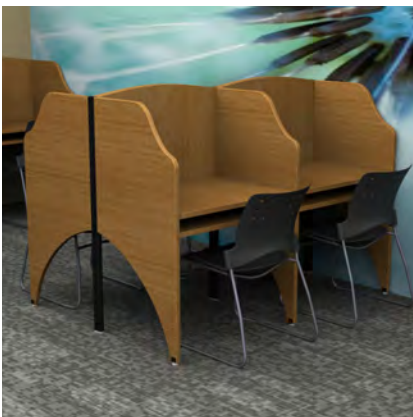
Crowd Control
Stanchions ►

Library & Media Centers

Choose modular soft seating sets that can be easily reconfigured for social distancing. Additional tech areas can function as before- or after-school workspace, while study carrels can double as social barriers.



Library & Computer Tables ►



Study Carrels ►



Soft Seating Sets ►



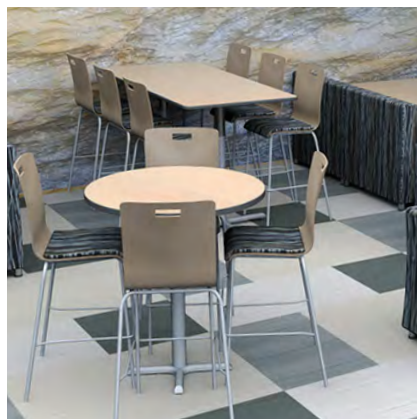
Portable Room
Dividers ►

Cafeterias

New folding cafeteria tables, new café furniture and/or booth seating allow social distancing and dining or tutoring in “overflow” areas. Don’t forget additional waste receptacles to accommodate the increase of pre-packaged meals.



Cafeteria tables ►



Café Table & Chair Sets ►



Cafeteria Trash Cans ►

Don't forget these other health & safety essentials:



Air Purifiers ▶

Air purifiers can help students and staff stay healthy by removing indoor air contaminants like cold and flu viruses, bacteria, mold, dust and more.



Hand Sanitizers & Universal Cleaners ▶

Universal cleaners like disinfectant wipes or backpack sprayers are an efficient way to sanitize school spaces without breaking the budget.



Disposable Masks ▶

It's essential to have packs of disposable masks always on-hand to protect students and staff while remaining compliant with local health and safety regulations.

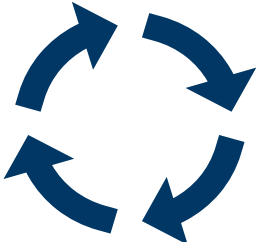


UV Disinfection Lights ▶

UV disinfection lights like portable UV wands are highly effective at sanitizing high-touch items and surfaces in seconds without the use of chemicals or wipes.

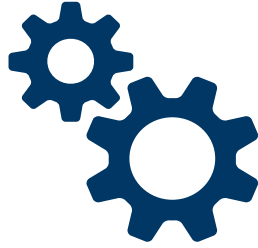
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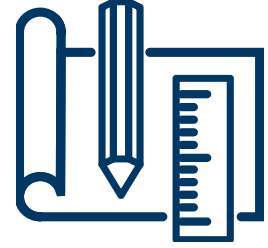
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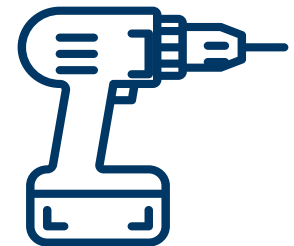
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