Ample Space

Physical Space

Providing plenty of space for students promotes socially cooperative play and collaboration. By arranging the classroom to have ample space for everyone, teachers can also create a positive, safe, and emotionally supportive learning environment.

- Through small modifications, like clustering tables as small group learning centers and creating multipurpose spaces for flexible use, teachers can redesign classrooms with ample space. The extra space allows teachers to easily switch between meeting with students individually, having small groups, or working as a whole class. This space for movement supports student engagement, collaboration, and development of Social Awareness & Relationships Skills.

Use It in the Classroom

Watch how this elementary teacher redesigned her classroom to create an environment conducive to learning. By structuring the room with open spaces and pathways, students can move and have the flexibility to choose where they learn.

About Physical Space

A flexible learning space supports active learning, collaboration, independence, and reflection.

Related Learner Factors

- Language and Literacy (0)
- Cognition (6)
  - Attention
  - Inhibition
- Social and Emotional Learning (3)
  - Emotion
  - Self-Regulation
  - Social Awareness and Relationship Skills
- Student Background Information (6)
  - Physical Fitness
  - Primary Language
  - Sleep
  - Social Supports
  - Socioeconomic Status
  - Trauma

Design It into Your Product

Learn how platforms like Google Classroom allow students to connect with other students and their teachers in the digital space. Since students and teachers have access to each other’s work, they are able to share and collaborate more easily.
Learn More

- Explore the Physical Environment of Your Classroom module at Sanford Inspire.
- Explore the Teaching for Collaboration & Creativity subtopic on the Digital Promise Research Map.

References: Ample Space