Early Learning Classroom—Infant

The Need for Infant Classrooms

Infant classrooms should offer children a sense of safety, comfort and security as they grow and develop. Caregivers should have access to the age appropriate tools and toys they need to help babies advance through developmental milestones. Cozy pillows and blankets are perfect for storytelling or interactions between children, baby-safe manipulatives that light up, make sounds or feature interesting textures encourage children to move and play, helping develop their gross motor skills. Seating with secure harnesses, anti-microbial rugs, cribs with clear sides and other furnishings with safety features ensure the children's well-being.

Requirements for a Great Infant Classroom

For **infants** the best classroom should be a nurturing environment that keeps them safe and secure as they interact with their caregivers and other children. Play areas should offer cozy, supportive furnishings and manipulatives designed to accommodate little learners; they should feature stimulating colors, sounds and textures to pique babies' interests.

For **teachers,** the infant classroom should be equipped with furnishings that ensure the safety of infants throughout the day. They should be able to freely move around the room while carrying a child, and the room should be able to be reconfigured as needed to support games, socialization and gross motor development. Safety cribs, seating with safety harnesses and other furnishings with safety features allow caregivers to guarantee the well-being of the children. Easily accessible storage space is needed for storing blankets, toys, changing supplies, feeding supplies and other essentials.

For **administrators,** the infant classroom must be arranged and furnished to best accommodate their vision for their space. They need to know that all products are available when needed and that their order will arrive correctly and on time. Installations must be quick and efficient.

Infant Classroom Solutions from School Outfitters

Research and development professionals at School Outfitters have designed an infant classroom with furnishings that ensure children's safety and security, along with products that have been grouped together in ways to support milestone development. The**Resting and Changing Area**, **Active Area**, **Feeding Area** and **Storage Area** are designed to work together to create a nurturing environment perfect for the littlest learners.

The **Resting and Changing Area** ensures caregivers can offer little ones a safe and comfortable place for naps and changing. This area includes:

- **Cribs with mattresses**
- **Rocker**
- **Rug**
- **Changing table**
- **Portable sink**

Cribs with mattresses keep children safe and comfortable during nap time. Safety cribs with clear sides allow caregivers to keep an eye on sleeping children.

A sturdy and safe **rocker** is a must-have addition to any nursery or daycare facility. The gentle rocking motion helps caregivers lull little ones to sleep.

A **rug** completes the look of the resting and changing area. It also offers a soft place for floor seating.

Changing tables keep babies secure during changes. A vinyl pad on the table keeps little ones comfortable, and built-in cubbies ensure diaper supplies are always within reach.

A **portable sink** located near the changing tables allows caregivers to quickly wash up after changes.

The **Active Area** encourages babies to move, scoot, crawl and engage in active play with their caregivers and other children. This area includes:

- **Rug**
- **Soft play**
- **Shelving**

A **rug** gives little ones a soft surface on which they can safely scoot, crawl and play.

Soft play pieces encourage babies to explore tactile perception or work on fine motor skills. Larger pieces can be used as props to help little ones sit up.

Shelving keeps manipulatives and toys organized and easy for caregivers to access.

The **Feeding Area** offers a safe and sanitary place for little ones to enjoy meals and snacks. This area includes:

- **Feeding chairs**
- **Stools**
- **Storage cabinet**

Feeding chairs keep little ones secure during meal time. Easy-to-clean surfaces make wiping up spills a breeze. Safety straps ensure infants stay safe.

Stools offer caregivers a supportive perch to sit on as they feed little ones. The backless design makes it easy to turn or shift positions as needed.

A **storage cabinet** keeps babies' meal supplies, bibs, utensils and wipes contained and easy to access.

The **Storage Area** keeps your infant classroom organized. Low profile storage units ensure caregivers can see all areas of the room.

- **Lockers**
- **Cubbies**
- **Teacher cabinet**

Lockers store infants' coats, hats and other outdoor wear so caregivers can quickly get little ones ready for outdoor playtime or to go home for the day.

Cubbies can be used to store items that will go home with infants at the end of the day. They may also be used to store manipulatives or small soft play items.

The **teacher cabinet** keeps caregivers' personal belongings secure and out of the way.

Choosing your Infant Classroom Solution

School Outfitters makes it easy to outfit the infant classroom at your early learning facility or daycare center. Choose the option that best fits your budget and needs and get an itemized quote with just one click, including all three of our specially designed stations. Our helpful representatives are happy to answer any questions about our stations and how you can put them to use in your infant classroom. Just give us a call 1-800-260-2776.