Media Center—Middle & High School

The Need for Media Centers

Today's media center is more than just a library. It also functions as a welcoming, student-owned common area that's great for collaborative work, independent study, technology or even maker activities. The media center should incorporate furnishings that allow it to serve multiple purposes—from reading and studying to group projects to distance learning. Furniture should be mobile, flexible, and easily arranged into various configurations as needed.

Requirements for a Great Media Center

For **students**, the media center should feature tables or study carrels in a quiet place for independent work, as well as collaborative tables that can be easily arranged for group work. Technology should be easily accessible and situated on tables with grommet holes or other wire management systems to keep cables out of the way.

For **teachers,** the best media center includes flexible furniture and comfortable seating to encourage students to spend more time there. Storage areas should be accessible and easy-to-use, so supplies are easy to find, distribute or collect.

Administrators require a media center that's furnished with products that work together to accomplish the vision for the space. They need to know that all products are available at the time they are needed and that their order will arrive correctly and on time. Installations must be quick and efficient.

Media Center Solutions from School Outfitters

The School Outfitters team designed a media center with furnishings that encourage students to both use and appreciate the space. The **Group Project Area**, **Individual Work Area**, and **Computer Workstation Area** are designed to work together to create an environment that accommodates independent and collaborative work as well as technology usage.

The **Group Project Area** accommodates students meeting for group projects or collaborative work. This area includes the following:

- **Collaborative tables**
- **School chairs**

Collaborative tables feature spacious work surfaces that are still compact enough to allow team members to reach project materials. The table shapes are designed to let all students see each other, giving everyone an equal opportunity to participate. Thick tabletops withstand heavy use, and laminate surfaces clean easily.

School chairs are constructed from durable, reinforced plastic that supports students as they lean back. The smooth, anti-static seats don't require a metal backrest, which means students won't snag hair or clothing on exposed rivets. The lightweight design makes it easy for students to pick them up and move them around the room.

The **Individual Work Area** gives students a quiet place to work independently on assignments or study for an exam. This area includes:

- **Soft seating**
- **Soft sofas and chairs with tablets**

Soft seating features thick padding, so students stay comfortable as they study, read or work on devices.

Soft sofas and chairs with tablets are perfect for long study sessions since the provide both comfortable seating and a built-in work surface to hold notebooks or a device.

The **Computer Area** accommodates the use of technology during study or research. This area includes:

- **Computer tables**
- **Stools**
- **Charging cart**

Computer tables offer a spacious surface for students to work on desktops or devices while spreading out notebooks or other project materials. Grommet holes keep wires and cables out of the way.

Stools give students freedom of movement as they focus on their activities, and the backless seats promote good posture and strengthen core muscles.

A **charging cart** keeps devices charged and ready for use. Locking doors keep them secure overnight. Heavy-duty rolling casters easily maneuver over any flooring, and the top doubles as an additional surface for storage or presentation.

Choosing Your Media Center Solution

School Outfitters makes it simple to outfit a great media 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 media center. Just give us a call 1-800-260-2776.