About this space

Outdoor Common Area

Elementary School

The outdoor common area for elementary school offers students a place where they can socialize with their peers, participate in organized games and events, or just enjoy the fresh air as they take a break during recess. Picnic tables and benches give students a comfortable place to gather or share snacks, and outdoor trash cans located nearby keep the area tidy. Storage units ensure students can easily find balls, bats, baseball gloves and other supplies for outdoor games and activities.

Requirements for a Great Outdoor Common Area

For **students**, the outdoor common area should be an inviting natural space where students can meet with friends as they enjoy the physical and mental health benefits of the outdoors. Comfortable seating should be available for students to gather or sit alone with a book.

For **teachers**, the outdoor common area should feature open space and equipment storage, making it easy to plan outdoor games and activities. Seating should be available so they can relax as they observe students at recess.

For **administrators**, the outdoor common area should be furnished in a way that meets the needs of their school. Products must be readily available and delivered on time. Installation should be quick and efficient.

Outdoor Common Area Solutions from School Outfitters

School Outfitters' research and development team designed an outdoor common area that caters to the needs of students and teachers alike. We've selected furnishings that accommodate student games, activities and socialization, as well outdoor storage for holding toys and sports equipment. A dedicated **gathering area**, **storage area** and **communication area** make creating a great outdoor common area simple.

The outdoor **gathering area** offers students a comfortable place to gather, socialize, read or just relax.

- **Picnic tables** allow students gather with their peers for an activity or a snack, and the built-in seating ensures they can easily get in and out of their seats. A sturdy construction and weather-resistant surfaces ensure the tables withstand the outdoor elements.
- **Benches** offer students additional seating where they can gather with friends or read a book. Teachers may also use the benches for observing children during recess. Weather-resistant surfaces and durable construction withstand rain and snow.
- A **buddy bench** encourages children to make new friends and can be useful in helping shy children signal to others that they want to play. When other children see a child sitting on the bench, they know he or she wants a buddy, and can invite them to play.
- **Outdoor trash cans** located close by keep the area tidy by helping remind children to throw away their food wrappers and other garbage.

The **storage area** keeps outdoor toys and sports equipment in a consistent location.

- A **bike rack** gives students a place where they can store and lock up bikes during school hours.
- An **outdoor storage box** holds sports equipment or outdoor toys. It may also be used by the school's maintenance staff to store landscaping tools instead.

The **communication area** conveys information about upcoming events to students and parents.

- An **outdoor message board** can be used by teachers or school administrators to post messages and information about school events or special programs.
- A **raised garden bed** located near the message board helps parents and students take notice of the area, encouraging them to read any posted communication.

Choosing your Outdoor Common Area Solution

School Outfitters makes it simple to outfit your school's outdoor common area. Choose the option that best fits your budget and needs and get an itemized quote with just one click. Our helpful sales representatives are happy to answer any questions about our outdoor common area and how you can put it to use at your school. Just give us a call at 1-800-260-2776.