

PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENT



WHAT IS EFFECTIVE PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENT?

A classroom space that is organized so all students can see, hear and engage to maximize learning, allowing for movement and active supervision.



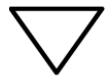
WHY CONSIDER PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENT?

WHEN CLASSROOM SPACE IS MAXIMIZED

Engagement and on-task behaviors increase



Distractions and congestion are minimized



CLASSROOM: Define spaces, organize storage, reduce clutter



WHOLE GROUP: Arrange seating so all students can engage, utilize active supervision



SMALL GROUP: Arrange seating so all students can participate, limit distractions for other students



HOW TO ARRANGE A CLASSROOM?



WHEN TO CONSIDER PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENT?

Use Data: Consider how altering the room arrangement might decrease problem behaviors.



When increased distractions and slower transitions impact learning time.



SUMMARY



Organize learning space so all students can be engaged

Monitor the effectiveness of the arrangement for active supervision and efficient transitions

Research affirms that classroom design changes can increase the variety of appropriate and engaged behaviors. (Simonsen, Fairbanks, Briesch, Myers, & Sugai, 2008)