

# Active Learning Supports Student Success

How graduating from old school to new school spaces is changing education



*Promote innovative education and improved outcomes*

*Create spaces that keep learners engaged (and coming back)*

*Offer solutions designed to support the benefits of active learning*

For generations, there's been a singular way to create spaces for learning. Walk into any elementary school or university classroom and you'll find rows and rows of desks, facing forward, oriented towards a chalkboard (or whiteboard). It's a setup designed for taking a seat and listening passively — not learning actively.

Around 2017, the education community and its designers took a fresh look at learning spaces, hoping to create a more open, collaborative, and active environment. Wood desks, hard plastic chairs, thin foam cushions with fabric created to be durable instead of comfortable ... these are quickly becoming relics of the past.

And even though the global pandemic interrupted the world of education, students are happy to return to campus ... just not the old ways.



**Active learning leads to better exam performance, raising average grades by a half a letter.**

# Learning over lecture

In the evolving world of education, there is one constant: the classroom continues to be the place where students have their core educational experience. But that doesn't mean they need to fit old school methodologies. In fact, the future of education focuses more on engaged, active and collaborative learning instead of one-way, passive lectures. So what's the difference? Let's dive in a little deeper...



## Engaged learning

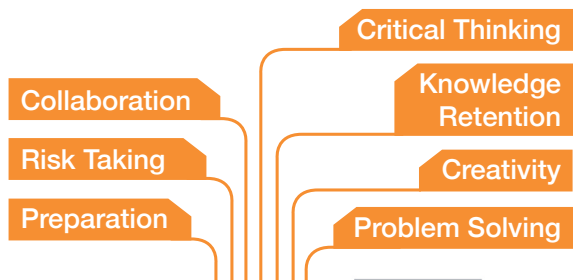
When students are invested in outcomes, they are engaged. It's more than simply sitting and listening. Students actively participate in unscripted settings and learn by being part of the experience.

## Active learning

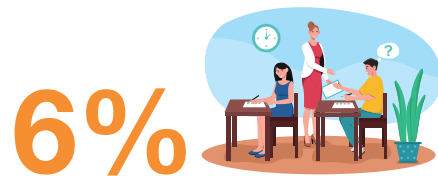
This is engaged learning taken to another level. Role-playing, case studies, demonstrations ... active learning is "students doing things and thinking about the things they are doing" in a practical classroom setting.

## Collaborative learning

Students in groups of two or more, engaged in active learning, are learning collaboratively. It retains all the characteristics of active learning with the added benefit of working together to solve problems (and expand minds).



**Top 7 skills  
active learning  
helps grow**



**Students in active learning classes  
outperform those in traditional lectures  
on identical exams by 6%**



# In a class of its own: Why (and how) active learning works

For learning to be active, engaging and always moving forward — its spaces need to be, too. Furniture, technology and accessories are the top three solutions you'll need to consider when building out your forward-thinking environments. Here are a few examples of how they can work in any kind of classroom.

## All Zoned In

/ Cater to a variety of activities with an array of heights and seating options

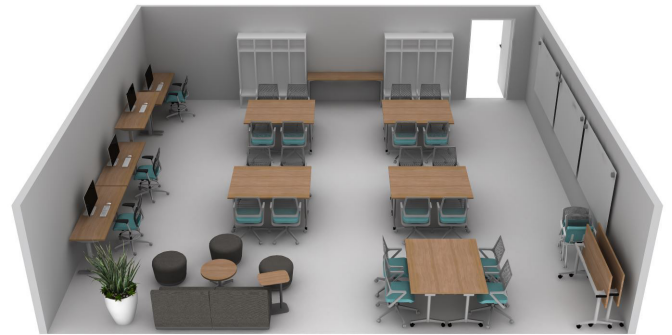


/ Create smaller zones within larger space to allow movement without distraction

/ Focus on student-centered environments to elevate teaching and learning

## Flexible & Adaptable

/ Use a variety of configurations to build a room for an array of possibilities

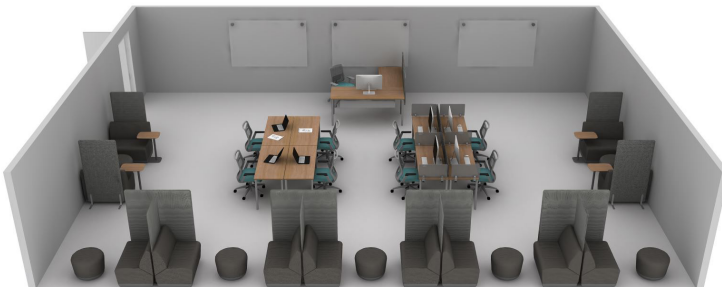


/ Create flexible learning environments with space-saving, nesting solutions

/ Make on-the-fly collaborations and impromptu sessions easy with mobile seating

## Connected Hubs

/ Provide power so students can stay connected and engaged

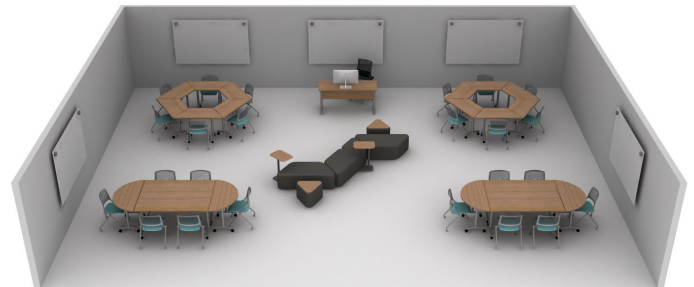


/ Offer smooth transitions from solo to 1-on-1 to small group spaces

/ Accommodate different types of learning from formal desktops to casual seating

## Collaborative Centers

/ Design spaces that flex seamlessly between group instruction and individual breakouts

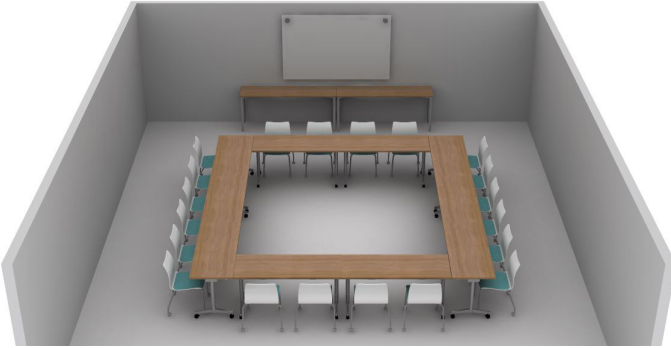


/ Incorporate a variety of shapes to keep spaces fresh and interesting

/ Add modular, mobile furniture to free up movement and active learning

## Face-to-Face

/ Provide arrangement (and rearrangement) flexibility with mobile tables and chairs



/ Rethink orientation and promote student-centric learning

/ Move beyond the traditional one-way learning dynamic to open possibilities

## Elevated Lecture

/ Switch up design and provide stadium-style tiered seating with clear sightlines



/ Promote body-benefitting ways to switch between sitting, standing and (even) perching

/ Expand usable learning space with expansive benching and grouped workspaces

## Remote Yet Present

/ Prepare students for life after school with video conference rooms



/ Build spaces that offer a well-balanced mix of private and engaged learning

/ Encourage cozy collaboration with smaller group touchdown spaces

## Casual Collaboration

/ Make collaboration from anywhere possible with tech-focused layouts



/ Provide more casual and relaxed learning with lounge-inspired setups

/ Keep everything flowing and responsive with mobile seating and workspaces

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Novo



Wit



Movi



Mavic



Ioniq



Orbix

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Focus Side



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