

Classroom Seating Plan Pack

Blank layouts plus a decision process for access, movement, focus, and discussion.

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THIS PACK INCLUDES

- 1 Three blank layouts
- 2 Placement decision matrix
- 3 Two-week observation log
- 4 Reseating decision guide

How to use this pack

Do not seat by one label such as behavior. Balance access, instruction, mobility, vision, hearing, peer dynamics, and student dignity. Use the same student numbers across layouts, and change seats from patterns, not from one difficult moment.

QUICK START

- Number your roster once and use those numbers on every layout.
- Fill in the decision matrix before you place anyone.
- Log what you notice for two weeks.
- Reseat only when the log shows a pattern.

Blank Seating Plans

Use the same student numbers across layouts to compare behavior, access, sightlines, and movement.

Pairs / rows

FRONT / BOARD

Small groups

FRONT / BOARD

Discussion horseshoe

FRONT / BOARD

Placement Decision Matrix

Balance access, instruction, mobility, vision, hearing, peer dynamics, and student dignity.

Need	Current evidence	Placement response	Student #s
Board / instruction access			
Teacher check-in			
Peer support			
Reduced distraction			
Mobility / safety			
Discussion access			
Independent focus			

Dignity check

No seat should be a public punishment. Explain separations privately and tell students how long the arrangement will last.

Two-Week Seating Observation Log

Change seats from patterns, not from one difficult moment.

Date	Evidence noticed	Location factor	Keep / adjust

RESEATING DECISION GUIDE

- ☐ The same problem showed up on three or more days.
- ☐ I tried a non-seating fix first (cue, check-in, task change).
- ☐ The new seat solves the access or focus problem, not just the visible one.
- ☐ I told the student privately and set a review date.

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