

HOW TO USE COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS FOR VS AGILE FURNITURE



GIVE STUDENTS EVERY OPPORTUNITY

Taking care of students is at the heart of it all – and at VS, we know that learning spaces have a long-term impact on students' physical, mental, and social well-being. VS' ergonomic furniture inspires motion and has the flexibility to adapt to every changing classroom need.

A small percentage of your COVID-19 relief funds, invested in the right classroom furniture, will instantly allow you to easily reconfigure your spaces for current health concerns. Your classrooms will be safe, effective, and easier to clean through this or future health crises – and will better serve students and staff long into the future.

So let's create learning spaces that embody dynamic flexibility, healthy ergonomics, and compassion.

Our kids deserve it.

VS America's agile furniture ties into the COVID-19 relief funds under the following four allowable use categories*:

ADDRESSING STUDENT LEARNING LOSS, INCLUDING IMPROVING DISTANCE LEARNING ENGAGEMENT

VS America's agile furniture can be used to create various spaces and zones in the room, allowing for social integration, quality interactions, and movement.

In the case of student learning loss, agile classrooms create spaces for quality interactions to address prior knowledge gains and gaps, while allowing for prosocial peer relationships to foster academic dialogue. Regarding distance learning engagement, agile environments give teachers the needed space to deliver private, actionable feedback to support students in self-selecting learning targets, self-monitoring progress, and self-assessment.

Agile spaces help address student learning loss by:

- Social belonging through interactive peer supports
- Increased participatory relationships
- Allowing teachers to prioritize instruction alongside development of social and emotional skills
- Promoting movement through furniture to allow for breaks without affecting the rest of the class
- Facilitating various teaching and learning methodologies (cooperative learning, student-centered learning, project-based learning, among others)

Agile spaces help address distance learning engagement with:

- Social integration with line of sight into the classroom with acoustical supports
- Micro-collaborations with peers in virtual breakout spaces
- Place identity through in-person and distance learning groups
- Increase in student participation with the incentive to belong to the physical spaces
- Technology easily supported for rapid transition between in class and fully remote



PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

VS America's agile furniture creates welcoming, inclusive, and comfortable environments – giving students a feeling of belonging in the space. When students engage their senses while learning, the long-term benefits include a heightened focus, stronger motivation, and a sense of well-being.

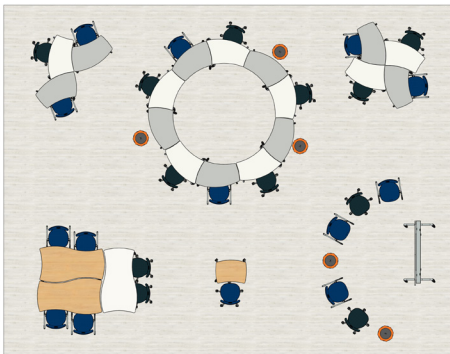
Agile learner-centered environments:

- Promote completion rates and retention rates among students
- Create community through interactions and cooperative learning protocols
- Allow space appropriation and trust
- Are spaces where it's easier to prioritize peer-to-peer and peer-to-teacher relationships

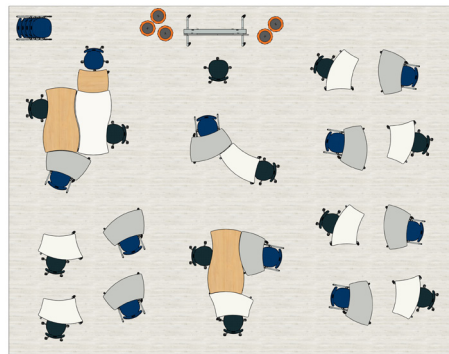
REPAIRING AND IMPROVING SCHOOL FACILITIES TO REDUCE THE RISK OF VIRUS TRANSMISSION AND EXPOSURE TO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARDS

Improving school facilities by replacing static classroom furniture with agile furniture that rolls and stacks allows the space to be easily and constantly reconfigured, and more easily and more thoroughly cleaned. Schools can create any physical distance between students as prescribed by public health officials to reduce the risk of virus transmission.

- Creating a physically distant classroom environment happens quickly by stacking unneeded tables and chairs out of the way.
- Mobile furniture that fits through doorways ensures schools can quickly expand into hallways, foyers, and gyms as needed to spread out students.
- VS furniture is built with constant change in mind to support all learning environments, and it can be rearranged to meet the need at any given moment.
- Tables that can stack as high as 8 and chairs as high as 5 allow easy cleaning of floors.
- VS furniture is easy to clean – see the [cleaning and care instructions](#) for VS America's products for more information.
- Agile furniture solutions ensure school leaders have the necessary resources to address the needs of their individual schools.



Sample classroom



Sample classroom
physically distanced

ADDRESSING THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF DISADVANTAGED POPULATIONS

VS America's ergonomic furniture promotes healthy movement and is available in different sizes so every student can find their perfect fit. Agile learning environments help young people flourish and boost overall well-being and motivation.

Agile spaces:

- Provide an equity of opportunity so every single student has an opportunity to sit, stand, or learn in any way they need to
- Inspire well-being, including security in safely giving your opinion, solving problems, and working through conflict
- Allow multiple informal relationships with peers, which leads to a sense of belonging
- Offer both personal and private spaces, promoting reflective behaviors
- Use activity boundaries, promoting self-regulation
- Easily allow class/daily routines to be structured through blocks of rhythmic activities to foster mental wellness
- Make it easy to integrate cooperative learning strategies

*For more details on allowable uses, visit the [U.S. Department of Education's website](#).