



Thank you for entering the Fōmcore Dealer Design Challenge! Please see the full design challenge parameters, design requirements, deadlines, and submission details below.

UPLOAD YOUR SUBMISSION TO THE FOLLOWING LINK BY AUGUST 14, 2026:

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Please upload your entire design challenge submission as one .pdf or .pptx file.

The Future of the High School Commons - Learning Happens Everywhere

June 1 – August 14

Fōmcore invites dealer designers to imagine the next generation of the High School Commons: a dynamic, student-centered environment where students can connect, engage, and belong.

Today's students need more than traditional cafeterias and lounge spaces. They need environments that support collaboration, creativity, flexibility, wellness, and meaningful learning experiences throughout the entire school day.

This challenge is an opportunity to rethink the Café/Commons as the social and academic heart of the school.

The Design Challenge

Design a High School Café/Commons environment that creates meaningful student impact through connection, engagement, belonging, and flexible learning.

- The space should support:
- Connection with one's self and between students, staff, and community
- Engagement through collaboration, flexibility, and active participation
- Belonging through inclusive, welcoming, and student-centered experiences

The environment should function as:

- A social hub
- A collaborative learning environment
- A wellness-supportive space
- A flexible event venue
- A place where students feel safe, comfortable, and connected

Designs should thoughtfully incorporate Fōmcore soft seating and complementary table solutions to create cohesive, flexible learning environments.

Design Parameters

- **Space Size:** 4,000–6,000 sq. ft.
- **Student Population:** High School (Grades 9–12)
- **Product:** Use 80% Fōmcore products within your design challenge concept

Required Design Conditions

- Contain furniture that can be reconfigured quickly for groups, individuals, or events with multiple educational outcomes
- Include at least one wellness/decompression zone
- Support both active and quiet student engagement
- Demonstrate flexible furniture applications using Fōmcore soft seating and tables
- Include solutions that support neurodiverse learners and varied sensory needs

Core Design Themes

- **CONNECT:** Encourage self-regulation, collaboration, interaction, and community building
- **ENGAGE:** Support creativity, flexibility, movement, and active learning
- **BELONG:** Create inclusive spaces where every student feels welcomed, comfortable, and valued

Suggested Space Components

- Lounge areas
- Collaboration hubs
- Quiet retreat zones
- Presentation/event space
- Charging/social media areas
- Flexible mobile furniture layouts
- Café style seating
- Multi-height work areas

Deliverables

Concept Presentation Board

Include:

- Design concept statement
- Floor plan
- Key zoning strategies
- Furniture applications
- Material inspiration

3D Visual Renderings

- Illustrate the student experience, atmosphere, and flexibility of the space.

Student Impact Outcomes

Describe the intended student impact of your design and how the environment supports outcomes related to:

- Connection
- Engagement
- Belonging
- Wellness
- Collaboration
- Flexibility

Designers should explain:

- What behaviors the space encourages
- How students will experience the environment
- How the space supports both social and academic success
- How flexibility and furniture applications contribute to those outcomes

Student Impact Criteria

Criteria	Weight
Student Connection, Engagement & Belonging	25%
Innovation & Creativity	25%
Wellness & Inclusivity	20%
Flexibility & Functionality	20%
Effective Integration of Fōmcore Products	10%

Awards & Recognition

- Top 3 winners receive national recognition across Fōmcore's social media platforms, newsletter, and website
- Winning designs and awards will be featured in our booth at EDspaces 2026
- Grand prize winner receives \$1,000 cash prize
- Winners Announced: September 11, 2026

Design Inspiration

At Fōmcore, we believe learning is not confined to the classroom. The spaces where students gather, collaborate, recharge, and connect all shape the educational experience.

Because Learning Happens Everywhere.

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