



# MEDIA CENTERS

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SERVE. CREATE. INSPIRE.

A UNIQUELY WELCOMING SPACE THAT SUPPORTS & PROMOTES INCLUSIVE LEARNING AND WELLNESS.

## WHERE?

**Media Centers:** Dynamic hubs that foster a wide range of learning experiences tailored to meet diverse needs. These versatile spaces are designed to accommodate various activities, from quiet, reflective study sessions to lively group discussions and collaborative brainstorming activities.

## WHO?

- Students
- School Families
- Staff
- Community

## WHEN?

- **Organized School Day Schedule**
  - Study Hall
  - Free Time
  - Cool Down & Rest Space
- **After School Program**
- **After School Staff Meetings**
- **After School Community Resource**



# WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF MEDIA CENTERS?



## **EQUITABLE ACCESS:**

Ensure that all members of the school community have equitable access to books, information, and information technology. This helps bridge the gap between students with different resources at home.

## **WHY & HOW?**

Soft seating options like ottomans, benches, bean bags, floor pads and chairs make spaces more accessible and comfortable for students, including those with physical or sensory needs. This inclusivity ensures that everyone can benefit from the media center's resources.



## **SUPPORT FOR LEARNING:**

Provide resources and services that support the curriculum and enhance learning outcomes. This includes access to a wide range of materials that cater to different learning styles and needs.

## **WHY & HOW?**

Comfortable seating can enhance students' ability to focus and engage with their studies. When students are physically comfortable, they are more likely to spend longer periods reading, researching, and completing assignments.



## **INFORMATION LITERACY:**

Equip students with the skills to find, evaluate, and use information effectively. This is crucial in today's information-rich society and helps students become critical thinkers and lifelong learners.

## **WHY & HOW?**

By creating a welcoming and relaxed environment, soft seating encourages students to utilize media center resources more frequently. This increased engagement can help students develop better information literacy skills as they learn to navigate and evaluate sources.



## **ENCOURAGING READING:**

Foster a love of reading and literature. Media centers offer a variety of reading materials that can inspire and engage students, helping to develop their literacy skills and imagination.

## **WHY & HOW?**

Soft seating areas can make reading more enjoyable and less formal, fostering a love of reading. Cozy reading nooks with comfortable chairs or bean bags can become favorite spots for students to immerse themselves in books.



## **SAFE & INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT:**

Create a space where all students feel safe and included. This environment supports social and emotional well-being, providing a place for students to relax, collaborate, and explore their interests.

## **WHY & HOW?**

Soft seating helps create a safe and inclusive space where students feel comfortable and valued. This environment supports social and emotional well-being, making the media center a place where students can relax, collaborate, and feel a sense of belonging.



## **TECHNOLOGICAL PROFICIENCY:**

Provide access to and instruction in using modern technology. This prepares students for the digital world, ensuring they are proficient in using various digital tools and resources.

## **WHY & HOW?**

Flexible seating arrangements can accommodate different types of technology use, from individual laptop workstations to group collaboration areas. This adaptability supports students in developing their technological skills in a comfortable setting.

**BY INTEGRATING SOFT, FLEXIBLE SEATING INTO MEDIA CENTER DESIGN, SCHOOLS CAN CREATE A DYNAMIC, WELCOMING, AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT THAT ALIGNS WITH THEIR EDUCATIONAL GOALS.**