



CREATING PLACES TO BELONG IN EDUCATION

Creating a place where students, faculty, and staff feel like they belong is more than providing study spaces, cafés, or administrative offices. It's about connecting to a greater purpose and supporting individual needs. It's about balancing hybrid environments, prioritizing flexibility, supporting inclusion and belonging, and focusing on overall health and well-being. Together, let's explore your objectives and develop flexible solutions that support unique learning styles and inspiring education environments.



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There are plenty of distractions in today's society, and your furniture shouldn't be one of them. Turn to Kimball International for diverse solutions that encompass K-12 and higher education.

From classrooms and makerspaces to student unions and staff spaces, furnishings play a critical role. We provide flexible, dynamic settings that support traditional textbook learning as well as life lessons.



Fast Track Results
Our highly efficient, interactive design charette, Elevate, gets your facility up and running faster, so you can generate revenue sooner. This program allows all stakeholders to explore new ideas while making well-informed decisions based upon your schedule and budget realities.



We Maximize Your Investment
Through our extensive experience with cooperative purchasing and countless partnerships with educational facilities, we confidently offer a process that is streamlined and effective. Let's work together to transform your facility into exactly what you are envisioning.



The Power of Place
Our research-based design process ensures that our furniture meets the needs of students and faculty alike. We design for comfort, durability, and productivity. This comprehensive approach creates purposeful settings that work for a multitude of spaces and a variety of users, all while withstanding the rigors of spirited youth.



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Through research, insights, conversations with customers, and even a reflection on our own journey around what it takes to create an environment of belonging, we have developed our point of view on Creating Places to Belong. We believe that designing products and applications to support these four elements within education facilities can improve the experience for all.



Balancing Hybrid Environments

Whether attending class in-person or virtually, students and faculty need to feel comfortable in their environments to be successful.



Supporting Inclusion and Belonging

When students have a sense of belonging, they are more engaged with their studies and their community, which ultimately allows them to excel in academics.



Prioritizing Flexibility

To accommodate a variety of learners and learning types, education spaces must be able to change and adapt – including options for mobility and storage.

Focusing on Health and Well-being

Mitigate burnout and retain students and faculty by providing on-site spaces where they can go to ground themselves, take a few deep breaths, or restore calm after a stressful encounter.



Over 80% of students that prefer a fully virtual class experience say they still want to be on campus and be part of the community.

Gensler Education Engagement Index 2023



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Socializing supports positive mental health. With digital device usage at an all-time high, sometimes personal interactions are skipped and opportunities are missed.



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Student Center

Open spaces can feel cozy and inviting by creating vignettes that support individuals or multi-person gatherings.

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Library

Today's library spaces encompass much more than books. From project-based learning to individualized lessons, these environments need to accommodate a spectrum of activities.

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Focus Space

Within common as well as open concept areas, focus spaces create private coxes for heads down time. Offering visual privacy and providing a distraction-free spot, these nooks are essential to student success.

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Mindful Spaces

Spaces that students and faculty can use to gain a sense of tranquility or respite are essential in today's learning environments. These areas provide a peaceful atmosphere where they can go to ground themselves, take a few breaths, and restore calm.

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Recreation

Creativity-inducing spaces offer hands-on activities that engage the mind and offer an opportunity to reduce stress. These dynamic spaces provide a location to relax and connect or a comfortable niche to be alone while still among others.

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Research suggests that higher education students who have a greater sense of belonging tend to have higher motivation, more academic self-confidence, higher levels of academic engagement, and higher achievement.

Journal of Further and Higher Education (2022)

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Learning Spaces

Solutions that can easily be arranged and rearranged to meet everchanging needs are essential. This freedom gives instructors the opportunity to create stations for interaction and collaboration, as well as heads down and focus areas.

Classroom

Mobility, flexibility, durability, and tech connectivity are all necessary for today's learners.

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Labs

As a fundamental component of active learning, labs provide a space where students can physically explore and discover. Student success soars when they have hands-on activities that allow them to experience the lesson.

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Makerspaces

A place where students can design, experiment, and invent using a variety of tools and materials. It's a unique space that fosters creativity and develops problem solving skills.

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Grin® by National

Today's café spaces are truly multi-use areas. Throughout the day, they are in constant transition. From providing a cup of coffee or a meal to supporting work on a collaborative project, these spaces accommodate a wide variety of users.



Café

Much like a home environment, these spaces are considered a hub where more than just dining happens.

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Breakroom

With a unique ability to provide a space to relax, socialize, and eat, these rooms offer a retreat from daily activities.

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Fringe® by National
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Learning Commons

An increasing number of students are seeking both formal and informal learning. Cozy coffee bars and cafés within libraries and learning commons provide this balance.

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Create beautiful, comfortable, and durable outdoor spaces to attract and retain students and faculty. By offering a variety of areas that cater to interaction or private thoughts, these environments can increase productivity and reduce stress.



Dining and Meeting

Offering durable and comfortable outdoor furniture can add a refreshed atmosphere to any space. From seating and tables that provide outdoor dining to comfortable lounge seating designed to withstand weather, outdoor spaces can improve personal well-being.

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Elliott by Etc.
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Students who enjoy outdoor education experience increased standardized test scores, enhanced attitude about school, and overall student achievement.

American Institute of Research



Products shown
Osrick by Etc.
Elliott by Etc.
Avery by Etc.



Team Spaces

School spirit shouldn't be underestimated. Integrate school colors and custom logos to make a statement and create enthusiasm.

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Reno® by National

Over 90% of student athletes say college sports have helped them grow in personal responsibility, work ethic, teamwork, and goal-setting.

NCAA GOALS 2019



Staff

Full of excitement and possibility, these spaces accommodate those dedicated to athletics. From private offices to spaces that house team meetings, these areas need to be dynamic.

Products shown
Swift™ by National
WaveWorks® by National

Functional and flexible solutions create spaces for focused work, shared activities, and the exchange of ideas.



Products shown
Kolo Pod by National, Grin® by National, Nate & Natty™ by Kimball, Joelle™ by Kimball, EverySpace® by Kimball, Toss® by National, Weitz® by National



Reception

Make a welcoming first impression. Designed to support your educational institution's style and image, these spaces are beautiful and functional.

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Marnia® by National
WaveWorks® by National
Lochlyn® by National
Universal Tables by National
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Toss® by National



Private Office

Providing personalized solutions can boost productivity and confidence. By selecting furniture that complements and supports individual work styles and requirements, private office spaces become an extension of the individual.

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Shared Workstations

Define personal space yet encourage interaction by integrating shared workstations into the floorplan. These spaces provide individualized work zones that can be tailored to specific needs while accommodating collaboration.

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Faculty Meeting Room

Coming together to enhance experiences for staff, students, and the community is essential to the success of an educational facility. From board meetings to brainstorming, these spaces spark ideas.

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Mailroom and Copy Room

Work continues behind the scenes where a variety of tasks and projects actually happen. Transform spaces to accommodate a mix of storage, working space, and organization for maximum efficiency.

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