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Ways to Get the Most out of Your ESSER Funds:

How to Leverage Your Emergency Relief Funds to Keep Your Students Thriving



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MooreCo Solutions for ESSER Spending by Environment

What Can MooreCo Do For You?

During the COVID-19 pandemic, U.S. workers and students were forced to change their routines, making it difficult to have necessary interactions that forge the foundation for life-long mental health and lasting relationships. When the Cares Act was signed into law in 2020 and the American Rescue Plan in 2021, a school stimulus package called the [Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief \(ESSER\)](#) funds was distributed to school districts across the nation. The purpose of this unprecedented amount of funding for schools is to help students and teachers catch up after learning loss caused by the pandemic.

Now three years out of the pandemic, many ESSER funds are still available and should be used before September 2024. ESSER funding may go to a variety of solutions for school improvement over the course of the next year, including education technology, experiential learning environments, and common areas where students can start rebuilding connections in a post-pandemic world. MooreCo can outfit your entire facility with ESSER funds to promote student success, including classrooms and active learning spaces, common areas,

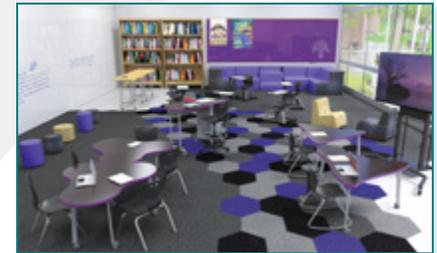
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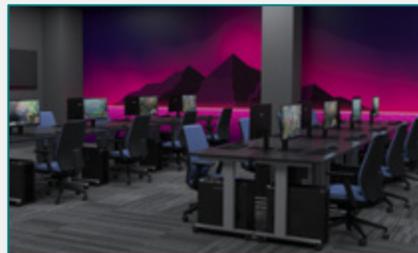
Classrooms / Active Learning



Libraries



Media Space Centers



E-sports



Administrative Offices



Common Areas



CTE



Cafeterias



Maker Space / Robotics

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What Can MooreCo Do For You?

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libraries, cafeterias, e-sports centers, maker space and robotics labs, media spaces, administrative offices, and CTE environments.

MooreCo has been a leader in classroom design for 35 years. With students back in a formal in-person setting, MooreCo

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Desks



Tables



Seating



Soft Seating



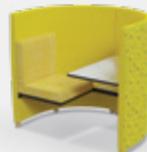
Glass Boards



Whiteboards



Bookcases / Storage



Carrels & Pods



Maker Space



Custom Design



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continues to offer solutions needed to keep students focused on career-oriented education, community building, and active learning. In addition to [QuickShip options](#), complimentary consultations, and our no cost [Render to Reality™](#) services, MooreCo offers top-of-the-line furniture for educational environments where students can thrive. This guide covers five key topics that meet ESSER funding requirements and will help schools recover. ■

Render to Reality™



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Reality

QuickShip:



Desks



Glass Boards



Whiteboards



Tables



Maker Space



Seating



Soft Seating



Teacher Desks



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1 Social-Emotional Learning Tools, Furnishings & Products

At MooreCo, our [Thrive Philosophy](#) drives the design process with the six characteristics of human development. Social-Emotional development is [crucial to productivity from our adolescence to our senior years](#). It establishes the ability to make meaningful connections with individuals and groups. Extracurricular activities and peer-to-peer interaction are imperative for social-emotional development, and three years out of a global pandemic, students are craving community and collaborative environments more than ever. Our goal is to foster each stage of the developmental journey from adolescence to adulthood. MooreCo helps students continue on the path to empathy, awareness, and emotional intelligence by creating learning environments that inspire students to be curious, creative, and maintain a sense of security. Over the course of the pandemic, MooreCo presented and produced a variety of school solutions for remote, hybrid, and distance

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Creating spaces where students can be together to form community will help them process their feelings.



▶ Akt Lounge High Back Seat



Community Table ▲



▲ Akt Lounge Chair

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learning to keep students and teachers in routine. Our Akt line of furniture was designed in direct response to the pandemic by focusing on health concerns and distance learning. Akt was developed post-pandemic with health care concepts at the forefront to enact peace of mind in every classroom. [Akt Lounge Chairs and Tables](#) are taller than average lounge furniture, making it easier to clean dirt and dust underneath. Each soft seating piece also includes spacers between the cushions to avoid debris collection. In order to build social-emotional strength, students should have spaces to gather and form community, where they can share their ideas and feelings and inspire each other. These grounding and cozy settings lead to the ideal environment for groupthink that will allow teenage students to feel connected, creative, and professional. [Akt Tables](#) can be the anchor of every classroom, a place where students can collaborate and engage in group thinking. We also know that most teens value both establishing a sense of individuation and a sense of belonging to a whole. Furniture

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Perching promotes circulation, breathing, and the flow of creative energy as an ideal way to get weight off your feet without sitting down.



▲ Akt Wire Base Chair



▲ Akt 4-Leg Chair



▲ Akt Wire Base Stool



▲ Akt 4-Leg Stool



▲ Akt 4-Leg Chair + Casters



▲ Akt 5-Star Chair



▲ Akt 5-Star Stool

Encourage openness and a sense of belonging with configurable group furniture.

▼ Orbit Media Space Soft Seating



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that encourages group sharing will create a sense of openness, but it's also important to include plenty of options for individual study or down time, like the [Akt Lounge High Back Seat](#) for deeper focus. Certain students may be more easily overstimulated or distracted than others. It's important to provide those students with desks that can be easily configured for group learning or spaced away from the whole so that they may focus on their own work. ■

A perfect addition to common and public spaces for individual work and relaxation, private collaboration, and team activities.

Akt Table - Butcher Block



▲ Akt Lounge Table

Hierarchy Shapes Desk



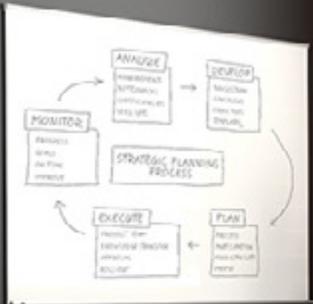
▲ Hierarchy Grow Stool®



▲ Enroll® Tablet Chair



▲ Akt High Back Lounge Seat



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2 Solutions to Address Learning Loss & Accelerate Learning



Hierarchy Chevron Desk + Hierarchy Cantilever Chairs

The pandemic was not easy on our students. [Learning loss](#) caused by the pandemic hit communities throughout the U.S., with some educators and experts fearing the long-term damage of this time spent away from in-person school. Now that students are back to in-person learning, there is an urgent conversation happening for how to best help them catch up. Schools have adopted more collaborative spaces to give students the much-needed social interaction they missed during the pandemic, while also providing individual spaces where students can focus alone.

Short classroom lessons are beneficial for students with shorter attention spans because they allow students to focus on the material for a shorter amount of time. Shorter lessons are often more efficient because they allow students to get to the point more quickly, thus making it easier to remember the material. Introduce [Akt Stacking Chairs](#) to the classroom, as easily stacked seats allow teachers to rearrange the classroom for shorter lessons. This helps to avoid distractions and boredom, which can lead to off-task behaviors and poor learning outcomes. Shorter lessons are more likely to keep students engaged, as it

Breakout groups and accelerated learning environments may help students catch up after time lost.

Creating a home-like space helps eliminate distraction and boosts self-confidence.



Double Privacy Pod

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Solutions to Address Learning Loss & Accelerate Learning

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is easier for them to focus on the material for a shorter time.

We know that students value both establishing a sense of individuation and a sense of belonging to a whole. This can be catered to by giving students breaks throughout class to process what they just learned and increase memory retention. Outfitting breakrooms, libraries, and nooks can designate a space where students can relax. These should include [Dot Stools](#) and [Beanies](#), as well as [Compass Cabinets](#), where students can easily reach relaxing reads and artistic materials that can help them wind down. Other soft seating options in libraries, lounge areas, and cafeterias will allow students to congregate together in between classes and during breaks.

[Compass Teacher Desks](#) can serve as the focal point for a space with configurable desks nearby. With porcelain steel top options like the [Hierarchy Shapes Desk](#), [Hierarchy Creator Table](#), and [Hierarchy Creator Desks](#), students can work out problems and share their findings, ideas, or processes. This type of learning may help them retain concepts and will make learning more engaging and collaborative. ■



▲ Compass Mobile Teacher Workstation



▲ Hierarchy Creator Desk + Porcelain Steel Top

Whiteboard tops allow students to work out problems and share their processes. This type of learning may help them retain knowledge.



▲ Hierarchy CogNitiv Table + Standing Height Legs





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3 Creating Inclusive Spaces for All Students

For students to succeed, they must feel included and that their individualized needs are met. We know that learning gaps caused by COVID-19 only widened what already existed between different socioeconomic groups. The pandemic brought problems with traditional models of learning to the forefront, leaving groups of students behind. Fortunately, this time has brought awareness to the needs of students. We have learned that all students learn differently, have varying physical capabilities, and have access to different resources. Students of all backgrounds and abilities must have access to engaging and active learning environments so that they are able to find their role in a collaborative setting, as well as channel their own specific skills. Dr. Amy Rohsner, PT, and Dr. Lisa Harris, OT, co-owners of Healthworks Ergonomics in Austin, Texas, taught us that every student has a different sensory style that comes with unique needs. Stimulating each sensory style requires specific accommodations for adequate focus and

learning. Broken down into four general aspects, sensory styles include Seekers, Bystanders, Avoiders, and Sensors. MooreCo can meet each sensory style with flexible and active furniture, including seating options that balance alone time with group activities. Seekers have a high threshold and high activity level, meaning they are busier than the average person, more engaged in the sensory experience of their spaces, and act to manage sensory input. [Wobble stools](#) are ideal to eliminate the extra energy without distracting others in the same environment. Visual communication items like [mobile whiteboards](#) will also help establish a communal sense of sharing and inclusion for seekers to share ideas. Bystanders balance having a high threshold with low activity, so they may miss more sensory cues and allow sensory experiences to happen before reacting to them. These are people who can focus in a distracting environment. Classrooms that have the physical tools to facilitate group learning and enhanced discovery are more likely to produce successful bystanders.

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◀ Hierarchy CogNitiv Table + Hierarchy 4-Leg Chairs



▲ Dot Soft Seating Rocking Stool

Conscious room design includes the physical tools to facilitate learning and discovery.



▲ Hierarchy Creator Desk ADA Triangle



▲ Compass Makerspace Table + Dry Erase Top



Compass helps establish student creativity and autonomy while allowing for inclusion and collaboration.

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Place them in areas with furniture that permits direct interaction, such as [Akt Tables](#).

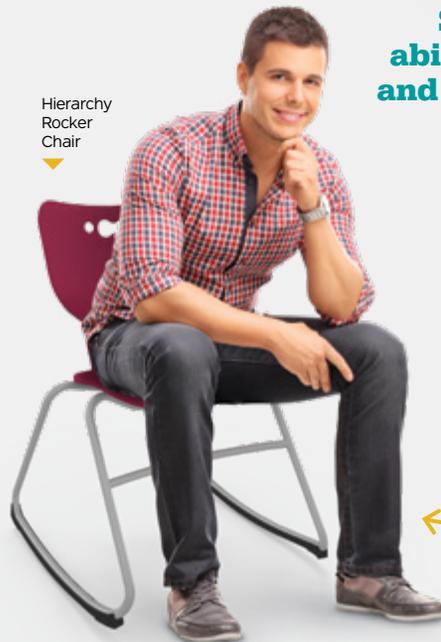
Avoiders with a low threshold crave high activity. While they are highly aware of their surroundings, they are less likely to act. They may have a more passive respond and are more likely to retreat from unfamiliar situations. Active furniture, such as [rocking chairs](#) that allow moderate movement, are ideal for avoiders. The [Compass family](#) of organized cabinets and [Makerspace Desks](#) helps establish creativity and autonomy in this type of student, while allowing for inclusion and collaboration.

Sensors have a low threshold and need low activity, so they may react more quickly and more intensely than others. They are easily overwhelmed by sensory-rich environments, which can make them unable to focus. Give Sensors a private option where they can tune out external stimuli, such as our [Akt High Back Seat](#). Expanding on inclusion in every classroom requires accessible furniture. That's why MooreCo has always created [ADA approved desks and tables](#) for students. Use alone or join the [Hierarchy Creator Desks](#) together in any way needed. The

highly versatile desk's ergonomic shapes provide flexibility and workspace comfort, now available in several sizes to meet ADA requirements and accommodate different abilities and needs. Choose from the [ADA Square](#), [ADA Triangle](#), [ADA Rectangle](#), or [ADA Half Round](#) shapes to make your spaces more user-friendly. ■



Students of all backgrounds and abilities must have access to engaging and active learning spaces to encourage autonomy and independence.



Rocking motion helps calm the brain and strengthen the core, allowing students with attention disorders to create rhythm and increase focus.



4 Environments That Foster Active Learning

Hands-on learning is also sometimes referred to as “active learning” or “experiential learning”. It’s the method of allowing students to tinker, play, and creatively problem solve in ways that are appropriate for their age groups. For young learners, this may mean simple activities such as finger painting. For older learners, this can mean lab work and STEM study that involves creating, building, and experimenting. Sylvia Martinez is the co-author of the book [Invent to Learn: Making, Tinkering, and Engineering in the Classroom](#). She says that the “maker movement” in schools is a reflection of the 4th industrial revolution. This means that hands-on learning and STEM classes will better prepare students for the economy of tomorrow.

Active learning environments will help students stay engaged in classroom activities. Flexible furniture and active pieces facilitate group thinking, working together, and retaining concepts through practice

and activity. For ESL students and multilingual learners, and those working on reading and writing skills, like our [Hierarchy Creator Tables](#), with [porcelain steel tops](#) are great for collective activities, while our [porcelain steel lapboards](#) will give students places to practice language on their own.

[Sharewall®](#) provides students of all ages the opportunity to brainstorm and share ideas together on one large board. [Color and glass boards](#) are designed to be eye-catching ways to keep students engaged and active while learning new concepts. For tinkering workshops and labs where student can explore, [Compass Makerspace Tables and Cabinets](#) were designed with active teachers in mind, allowing for space, movement, ample storage, and adaptability. Active learning environments also require flexible furniture that will allow students to move and release

Active learning will help students catch up and stay engaged.



▲ Hierarchy Grow Stool®

Hands-on learning and STEM classes will better prepare students for the economy of tomorrow.



▲ Compass Maxi H3 Cabinet + Handles

Some students focus more while standing as blood circulation and breathing patterns shift from sitting to standing.



▲ Hierarchy CogNitiv Table + Standing Height Legs

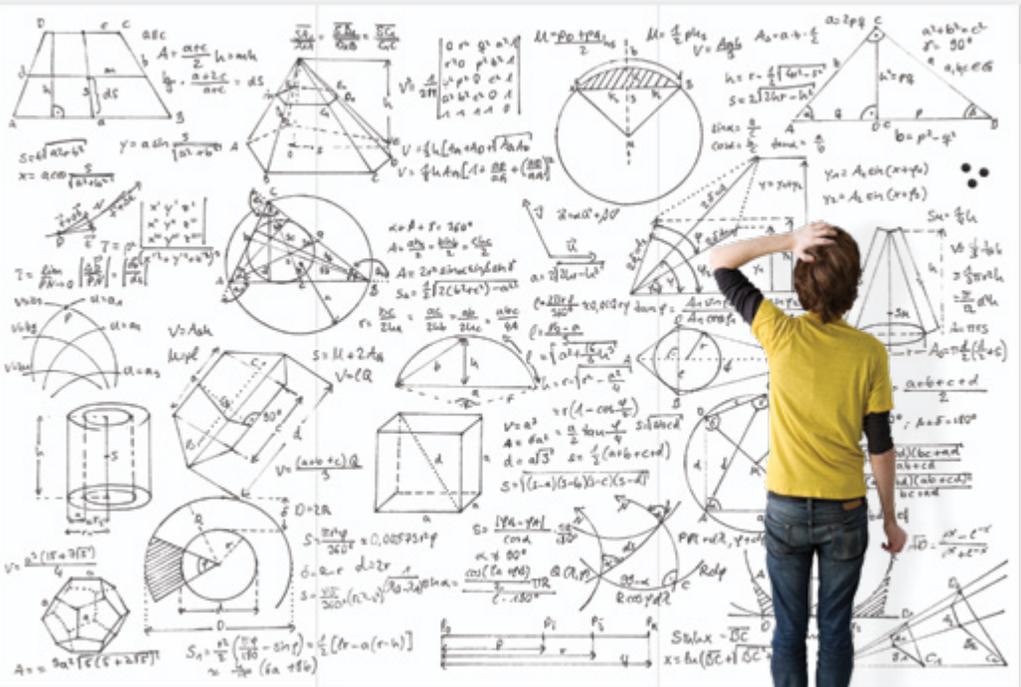
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excess energy. Our [Beanies](#), [Dot Rocking Stools](#), and [Soft Sway Rocking Chairs](#) create rhythmic micromovements that aid in posture and focus to keep the most active learners engaged. ■

Beanies Indoor Lentil Lounger - Small



Sharewall® Full Wall Whiteboard System

Porcelain steel won't ghost, and retains antibacterial cleaners longer.

Dot Soft Seating Rocking Stool



Compass Maxi H2 Cabinet + Ogee Top



For ESL students and multilingual learners, porcelain steel surfaces and desks will provide practice space to facilitate learning and sharing.

Environments That Foster Active Learning

Teaching!

When MooreCo interviewed teachers for the [Thrive Together webinar](#), they spoke about what they most want in classrooms. Each teacher noted the importance of functional, mobile furniture that looks and feels great. With the availability of the ESSER funds, there has never been a better time to give teachers the spaces and furniture they deserve, especially following such a difficult year. Accelerated learning tools will help educators get what they need to help students learn more quickly. So, what do teachers need in their classrooms to create an optimal environment for fun, growth, and achievement? For science, math, arts, and robotics teachers, it may mean organizational tools or furnishings that encourage autonomy and independence in their young pupils. The [Compass collection](#) was created with active teachers in mind. If tools are easy to store and organize, students can access them easily without a need for help. If classroom furniture is mobile, highly functional, and sleek, teachers will be able to reach more students and have an easier time doing so. Providing teachers with desks that will allow them to store all materials and

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A good ergonomic chair helps teachers with back support and body fatigue.

Elate Task Chair



Environments That Foster Active Learning *Teaching!*

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remain mobile will be a great asset to helping them multitask. The [Avid Modular Desk System](#) is an ergonomic workstation that active teachers will appreciate for its function and comfortable feel. The ability to move with the space and set up a teaching area wherever needed is also important for today's teacher. A compact and easily mobile workstation such as the [Mobile Teacher Workstation II](#) or the [Avid Podium](#) allows freedom to roam and to be accessible to the students. A good ergonomic chair, such as the [Elate Task Chair](#), helps teachers with back support and body fatigue. Research shows that ergonomic furniture reduces employee absenteeism and work-related injuries. ■



Mobile Teacher Workstation II



Avid Modular Desk System

A compact and mobile workstation allows the teacher the flexibility to be anywhere in the room they are needed.



▲ Compass Double Cabinet Teacher Desk - Butcher Block Top



▲ Compass Single Cabinet Teacher Desk - Butcher Block Top



▲ Compass Mobile Teacher Workstation



▲ Compass Single Cabinet Teacher Workstation - Butcher Block Top



▲ Compass Double Cabinet Teacher Desk



▲ Compass Double Cabinet Teacher Workstation - Butcher Block Top



▲ Compass Single Cabinet Teacher Workstation



▲ Compass Single Cabinet Teacher Desk



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5 Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning has become a safe and healthy response in our post-pandemic world, due to its ability to reduce the spread of infection. By bringing learning outdoors, students and teachers can experience the benefits of increased air circulation, natural sunlight, and reduced contact.

Outdoor learning can provide many benefits to both physical and mental health. Fresh air and natural sunlight can help positively affect mood and reduce stress. Additionally, nature has been proven to help reduce tension and anxiety, while also stimulating creativity and imagination. Studies have also found that the increased exposure to nature can be beneficial for cognitive function, increasing problem-solving skills, focus, and concentration. The outdoors can also provide a safe environment for students to learn and play. With physical distancing measures in place,

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Understanding the importance of meeting individual needs leads to choosing more non-traditional furnishings.



▲
Beanies Outdoor
Chana Lounger

Outdoor Learning

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Outdoor learning can help reduce the risk of transmission by reducing the number of people in confined indoor spaces. Additionally, the reduced contact with other students can help reduce the risk of infection. Place [Outdoor Beanies](#) in a circle around a [mobile glass board](#) that can be easily moved outside for open-air classrooms.

In addition to the physical benefits, outdoor learning can also provide mental benefits. Moving learning outdoors can help reduce the stress of transitioning between different learning environments, as well as reduce visual and auditory distractions. Nature can also provide a sense of calm and relaxation, as well as a much-needed break from the confines of the classroom. ■

Versatile writing surfaces accommodate all types of learning styles and provide clear communication when learning outside of the classroom.



▼ Hierarchy Grow & Roll Mobile Glass Board



▲ Visionary® Move Mobile Glass Board

▼ Beanies Outdoor Rectangle Ottoman



▲ Beanies Outdoor Round Ottoman



▲ Beanies Outdoor Fava Lounger + Square Ottoman



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