



Breck

Giving Opportunities Lower School Classroom Furniture

We cannot thank you enough for considering
your support of this project and truly look
forward to the next step in this conversation.

Thank you!



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In Lower School, students are encouraged to contemplate, **“Where and how do I learn best?”** The learning environments that we occupy and the people we share them with are the third teacher in the room — crucial components of education that rival the significance of any test or quiz. Recognizing that the existing furniture in use for over 20 years was outdated, our team dedicated a full year to researching, along with the Peter Clark Center, evidence-based practices on how children learn best.

In response to this research, four classrooms at Breck have undergone a transformation with the introduction of new, flexible furniture, providing an opportunity to enrich and personalize the learning experience. Beyond their aesthetic appeal, these redesigned classrooms empower students to exercise autonomy in choosing their seating arrangements, aligning with their individual learning styles or the demands of a specific task.

The impact on learning within these four revamped classrooms has been profound:



“The new furniture in my room has been transformative for learning. Students are learning self-advocacy with purposeful understanding of themselves and how they learn best. Not only are they advocating for themselves and are more focused, but the students are also learning to listen to each other’s needs, which builds our community. Third graders pass by our room and ask when their classroom will get the new furniture - or they ask to be in my class next year!”

Kim Schaefer, 4th Grade Teacher

Anticipated Project Timeline:

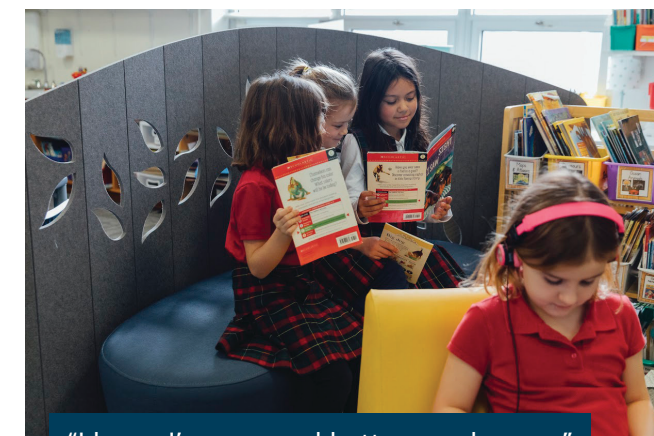
- » **Year 1, 2023-2024:**
4 classrooms redesigned - *already complete*
- » **Year 2, 2024-2025:**
8 more classrooms redesigned (\$200,000)
- » **Year 3, 2025-2026:**
8 more classrooms redesigned (\$200,000)
- » **Year 4, 2026-2027:**
4 more classrooms redesigned (\$100,000)

The entire Lower School furniture project will cost \$500,000 to finish all classrooms. Without additional support, classrooms will be updated a few at a time each year, taking several years to complete.

With generous support, this project could be completed before the end of the 2024-2025 school year.



After



“I know I’m engaged better as a learner.”



“I can try different things to see what works for me!”