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**Node™**  
classroom seating



## for the many modes of learning

Today's students desire an active learning environment—expecting more from their classrooms than ever before. They want their surroundings to support co-learning, co-creation and open discussion.

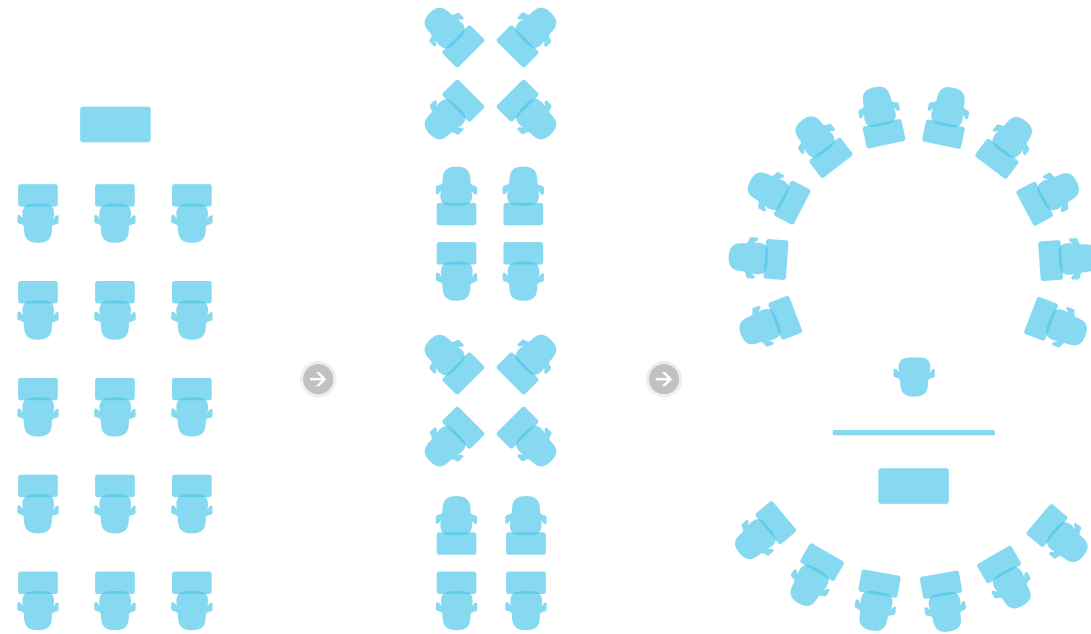
Educators are often faced with a tough choice: promote active learning or organize a classroom to fit as many students as possible. The existing classroom footprint is only so big, and there's not much flexibility. Until now.

The Node™ chair is mobile and flexible. It's designed for quick, easy transitions between room configurations. With Node, a classroom can flex from a lecture-based mode to a team-based mode, and back again, without interruption. Node can take passive space and make it active, supporting individual and team-based learning, even when classroom capacity is important.

**“My most memorable classes are the ones where we break away from lecture and work in a team.”**

**ROSHAN, STUDENT**

**classroom one**  
Node with  
workspace

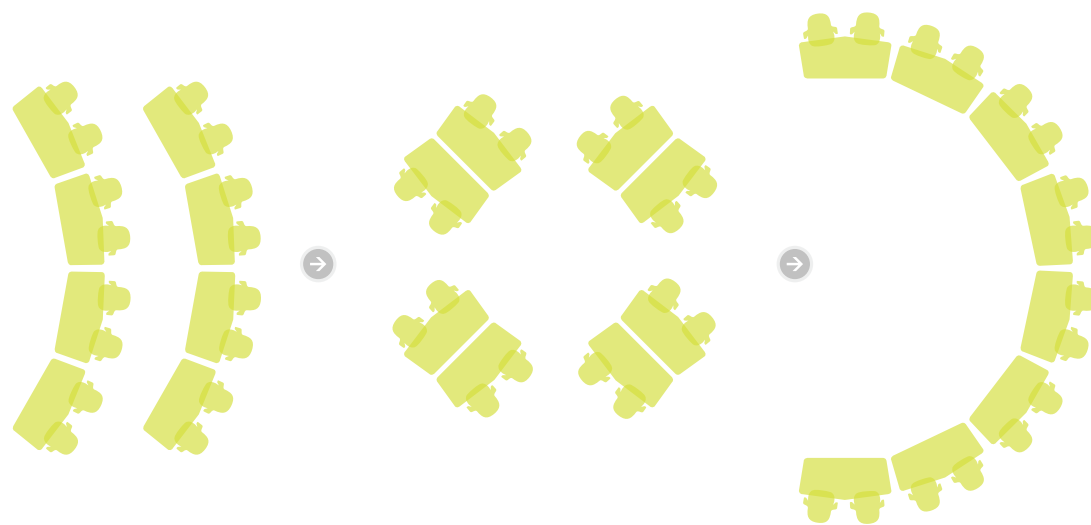


8:05 a.m.  
lecture

8:27 a.m.  
small group project

8:45 a.m.  
large group discussion  
and interactive lecture

**classroom two**  
Node with Verb tables  
(no workspace)



1:30 p.m.  
lecture

2:00 p.m.  
project team

2:45 p.m.  
class discussion

## observations & insights

In our on-site research, we found cramped, static spaces designed for passive one-way learning: tight rows of desks and chairs that inhibit movement and interaction, and instructors confined to the front of the room, where there are few opportunities to connect with students.

Students are bringing new tools, new attitudes and new expectations into the classroom. In order to keep pace, the classroom has to change. Research points to the fact that learning is enhanced when it is social and active. A single approach to teaching is no longer enough. Educators are now turning to multiple pedagogies to support multiple learning styles.

To fully capitalize on active learning, the physical space must support the pedagogies at work in the classroom. No longer should static furniture be disguised as supportive of an active learning environment. Learning styles must be supported with reconfigurable settings, both analog and digital tools, access to power and wall protection for table, chair and equipment movement.

**“The biggest issue with the way the classroom is set up is that it assumes there’s one way of teaching and one way of learning.”**

LESLEY, PROFESSOR

## a smart solution



**Move.** The Node chair is highly mobile—a quality that translates directly into classroom performance. After all, a multi-modal lesson plan can be carried out more effectively when seating is arranged and rearranged effortlessly. Traditional classroom seating has limited mobility, putting the burden on educators to adapt. The Node chair, however, accommodates any teaching mode.

The swivel seat gives students the freedom to shift focus throughout the room. And, because the personal worksurface swivels in tandem, books, laptops and other information remain at their fingertips. It's subtle, but clear sight lines to the instructor, fellow students and whiteboards can dramatically enhance interaction and engagement.

Node is also available without a worksurface for table-based classrooms, like Verb™, sharing in the same design language and materials palette.

**Store.** The base of the Node chair provides a unique storage solution for backpacks and student belongings that usually clutter the aisles. This allows quicker and easier transitions between teaching modes. Even the arms serve a storage purpose. Aside from being a place to rest your elbows, they are designed to hold a backpack or bag, keeping personal items safe, secure, and close at hand.

**Fit.** The Node chair has an adjustable worksurface, providing a perfect fit for students of all shapes and sizes. The Node chair's worksurface accommodates both left- and right-handed students. The seat bends and flexes with the student for better ergonomics and comfort.



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# features + benefits



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**how's this for out-of-the-box thinking?**  
three simple parts assemble in 30 seconds.



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### TRIPOD BASE

Base keeps backpacks and personal belongings out of the aisle while also providing a comfortable place for students to rest feet during class.



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### FIVE-STAR BASE

Choose between tripod with storage or five-star with seat-height adjustability, both available with worksurface. Five-star base is also available in stool height.



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### WORKSURFACE

Personal worksurface is adjustable, non-handed, and large enough to support digital and analog resources.



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### CUPHOLDER

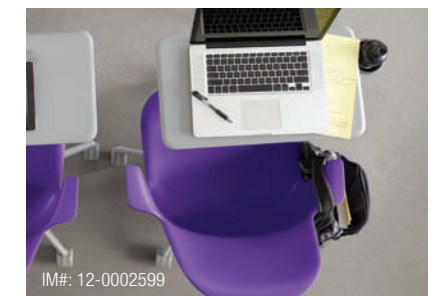
Optional cupholder frees up worksurface for books and technology. Rotates under worksurface when not in use.



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### TABLET STAND

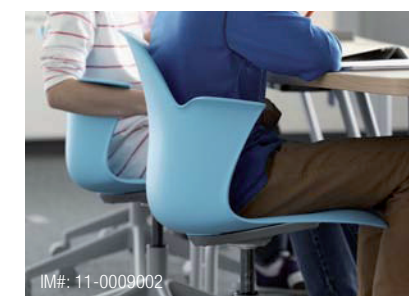
Tablet stand supports all top-selling tablets and smartphones in both portrait and landscape positions, making content easy to view and freeing up space on the worksurface for other class materials.



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### SEAT SHELL

Flexible seat with simple adjustments keeps people comfortable in a variety of postures. Comfort without upholstery means easy maintenance. Available in 21 color options.



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### MID-BACK SEAT SHELL

Node mid-back supports active learning in high-density classrooms. When students are forced to move against the wall, it minimizes contact.



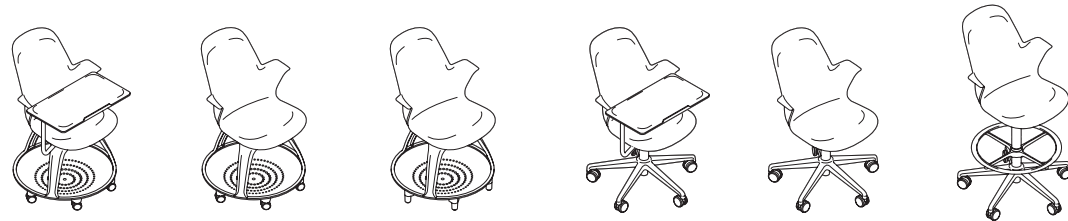
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### CASTERS

Casters lend mobility for quick, easy transitions between learning modes.

## STATEMENT OF LINE

### NODE CHAIR OPTIONS



tripod base with work surface and casters

tripod base without work surface, with casters

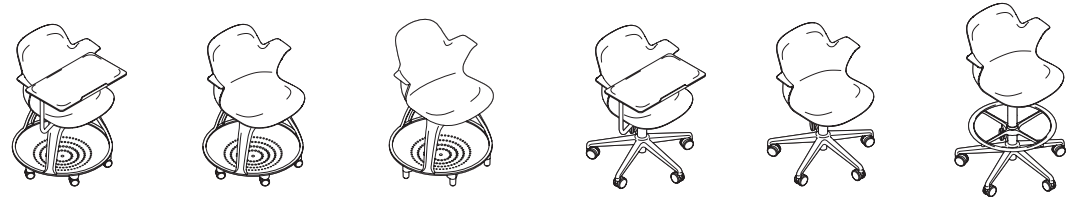
tripod base without work surface, with glides

five-star base with work surface

five-star base without work surface

five-star stool

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## DIMENSIONS

item	tripod base	five-star base	five-star stool
seat depth	16 9/16"	16 9/16"	16 9/16"
seat depth for mid-back	15 1/2"	15 1/2"	15 1/2"
maximum seat width	19 1/2"	19 1/2"	19 1/2"
seat height from floor	18 1/4"	15 7/8" to 21 7/8"	23 7/8" to 31 7/8"
back height from floor (not seat)	35"	33 1/4" to 38 1/2"	40 7/8" to 48 1/4"
back height from floor (not seat) for mid-back	31 1/4"	28 7/8" to 34"	37 1/8" to 44 1/2"
width	23 3/4"	23 3/4"	27 1/4"
worksurface size	22 1/4" x 12"	22 1/4" x 12"	22 1/4" x 12"
worksurface depth adjustment	7 1/4" to 15"	7 1/4" to 15"	7 1/4" to 15"
maximum width between arms	20 1/8"	20 1/8"	20 1/8"
worksurface height from floor	28 1/2"	N/A	N/A

## COMPONENTS

**Flexible seat.** Flexible seat with simple adjustments keeps people comfortable in a variety of postures.

**Easy maintenance.** Comfort without upholstery means easy maintenance.

**Open seat design.** Open seat design offers easy access, while arms serve as bag or purse hooks.

**Swivel seat.** Swivel seat keeps open sight lines.

**Casters.** Casters lend mobility for quick, easy transitions between configurations.

**Cupholder.** Optional cupholder frees up worksurface area for books and technology.

**Base.** Base keeps backpacks and personal belongings out of the aisle.

**Personal worksurface.** Personal worksurface is adjustable, non-handed, and large enough to support digital and analog resources.

**Tablet stand.** Tablet stand supports all top-selling tablets and smartphones in both portrait and landscape positions, making content easy to view and freeing up space on the worksurface for other class materials.

**Steelcase warranty.** Steelcase warranty with elevated durability testing makes Node an easy choice.

## SURFACE MATERIALS

### Standard colors

sterling dark solid (6059)	platinum (6249)
citron (6332)	black (6205)
midnight (6259)	jazz blue (6336)
wasabi (6335)	chili (6338)
picasso (6333)	element (6337)
arctic white (6009)	flash (6334)

### Signature plastics

crimson (6BC1)	orange (6BC6)
purple (6BC2)	brown (6BC7)
green (6BC3)	gold (6BC8)
burgundy (6BC4)	red (6BC9)
blue (6BC5)	

### Paint palette

champagne metallic (4750)	element (6337)
platinum (4799)	platinum solid (6249)
black (0835)	near black (6295)

### Tripod base

element (6337)
platinum solid (6249)
near black (6295)

### Worksurface

platinum solid (6249)
seagull (6053)
sand (6654)
element (6337)
near black (6295)

Colors are representative and may vary slightly from actual material.

For further options, visit us online.

## SUSTAINABILITY

### PEOPLE. PLANET. PROFIT.

By rethinking our business systems and designing our products to avoid negative impacts on humans and the environment, we contribute to a sustainable future for the planet and its people. We commit to advance our practices through continuous learning and building partnerships with our customers, business partners and environmental thought leaders to optimize our performance and contribute to the science and practice of sustainability.

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### PRODUCT ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATIONS

- McDonough Braungart Design Chemistry (MBDC)
- Life Cycle Assessment
- MBDC's Cradle to Cradle™ Silver certification
- BIFMA Level® 2 certification
- Indoor Advantage™ Gold from Scientific Certification Systems

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