





Zoning

How to use zoning to organize staff members, maximize child engagement, and run a more efficient preschool classroom.



Objectives

- To understand the benefits of zoning in the classroom
- To learn the different types of zoning
- To highlight problems that can come up and how zoning can help deal with these common problems



What is Zoning?

- •Zoning is a technique used to organize classroom staff
- •Each staff member is assigned a role
- •Zoning can be used throughout the whole day, not just for free choice time
- Zoning helps staff know exactly what their duties are at all times of the day



Types of Zoning

- •Zone: Each staff member is responsible for a separate section or "zone" of the classroom.
- •One-on-One: Staff members are responsible for staying near or "zoning" with a child who has more significant challenges.



How to use Zoning in the classroom

- Break down each activity into various duties
- Specify the zones
- Make sure everyone understands their roles
- Post the chart in a visible location in the classroom

Fill out this form, by entering the activities and transitions in the left-hand column, then what the lead teacher and assistants should be doing during each of those activities and transitions.

During activities, think about who should be leading the activity, who should be supporting through the transition to the activity and who should be cleaning up from the previous activity

During transitions think about assigning one adult to clean up the previous activity and support children Who are still finishing, and another adult to begin the next activity, welcoming children over and supporting their engagement. If there is a third adult available, they could be setting up for the next activity and taking care of extra tasks (i.e., taking children to the bathroom, making phone calls, greanizing naners to zo home in lucknocks)

Staff Zoning Chart for 3 Staff Members ALL DAY PROGRAM

Activities/Transitions	Staff Person A	Staff Person B	Staff Person C
Arrivol	Greet students, get them engaged	Set up	Support kids with cubbies
Transition	Lead transition	Clean up	Greet kids at new activity
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Why Use Zoning?

- •Staff zoning can help to eliminate nonengagement behaviors
- Zoning can increase staff efficiency
- Zoning helps build confidence in preschool staff
- Zoning can even be used with as few as 2 staff members



Problem/ Solution

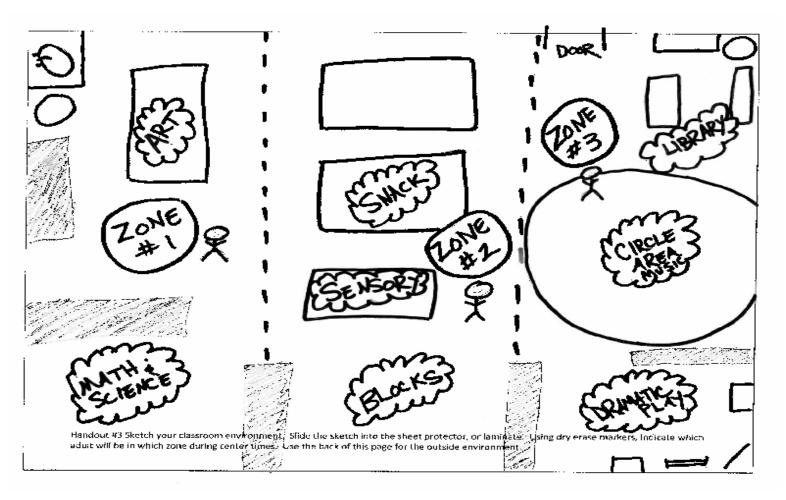
•Problem: "My staff seems to bunch up in one area of the classroom."

Solution: Zoning





Classroom Map with "Zoning" areas





Problem/ Solution

•Problem: "We never know who should be cleaning up, who should be leading the next activity and who is available to take kids to the bathroom."

Solution: Zoning







- Zoning helps to encourage child engagement
- •Zoning is an easy way to organize and utilize staff members
- Zoning takes the guess work out of classroom duties
- •Zoning can build staff confidence and create more of a "we're all in this together" kind of feel