Health and wellness concerns are currently at an elevated state, and the concept of distancing to slow the spread of disease weighs heavily on our minds as schools plan for the return to PreK-12 campuses.

With that in mind, we have developed outdoor learning environments and tools that remove the barriers of traditional classrooms, enabling educators and students to connect to nature in ways that ignite healthier and more stimulating learning methods – all while allowing them to safely social distance.

We are also mindful of the desire to deliver increasingly enriched educational experiences. Landscape Forms provides the building blocks to optimize these experiences outdoors, cultivating new and innovative learning environments – all within outdoor structures designed to provide safe physical distancing.

Explore Upfit – Our Outdoor Learning Center
Be inspired by the innovative solutions in the following pages to activate safe, healthy outdoor school environments for educators and students.

Safer Learning
Inspired by Nature

- Inspire Creativity by connecting educators and learners with nature.
- Enhance Well-being by connecting staff and students to natural light, fresh air and nature for moments of respite and rejuvenation.
- Allow for Physical Distancing through structures and elements that are designed to provide appropriate space between individuals.
Outdoor Learning Centers

Design Features & Benefits:

- Helps maintain the recommended distance between individuals (approximately 6 feet or 2 meters) with a 72-inch planning bubble
- Louvered roof promotes ventilation and automatically closes when it senses rain
- Louvered roof is sensor-enabled to open when winds reach 60 mph to prevent damage and uplift
- Every Upfit system is individually engineered to meet the relevant local codes, including hurricane ratings, where applicable.
- Flexible configuration for floor and table seating
- Glass side walls for natural light and visibility
- Open sides allow fresh air and cross ventilation
- Back walls include space and wiring for monitors / large screens
- White boards for visually driven, real-time active learning and collaboration
- Allows for supervision from a variety of areas and angles
- Electronic outlets and charging stations
- Ample space for personal belongings

“The kids are more affected by the teaching in the outdoors than they are in the indoors.”

Ulrich Dettweiler, Educational Psychologist, University of Stavanger in Norway

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Elementary Schools

“Many people will naturally associate environmental education with improved understanding of science, but it also contributes to the development of basic skills, including reading.”

Back to School: Back Outside! How Outdoor Education and Outdoor School Time Create High Performance Student
Middle Schools

“Learning outdoors provides students with better self-confidence, concentration, knowledge retention, and comprehension as well as social, language, communicative, and physical skills.”

Palavan et al, 2016¹
“Students who struggle with traditional classroom settings can gain the most through outdoor learning experiences. Instead of experiencing struggles with motivation, confidence, lack of attention, or social skills inside the classroom, these students gain these particular skills through learning outdoors and can even thrive and take on the leadership role through outdoor hands-on experiences.”

James & Williams, 2017
What is Upfit?

- Upfit starts with a single 16’ x 16’ x 10’ base unit.
- Your tool kit: A modular system of posts, beams, roofing, panels, and tables.
- Manage the weather with smart and automated louvered roofing.
- Add power for lighting and charging.
- Then let us handle everything from estimate to site inspection to site installation.

Customizable, Not Custom

Upfit's post-and-beam system gives you the tools to create endless configurations based on your aesthetic goals, functional requirements, and site. Upfit is scalable, making it easy for you to tailor your design to its purpose and use, from a simple single unit to a fully powered, lit, and furnished multi-unit structure with louvered roof and weather management system. Upfit can be embedded, surface-mounted, and connected to buildings at the ground or rooftop.
2 https://www.nwf.org/~/media/PDFs/Be%20Out%20There/Back%20to%20School%20full%20report.ashx
3 https://sophia.stkate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1230&context=maed
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Product Solutions

Upfit Structure

21 Chair

Carousel Table

Chipman Chair

Chipman Stool

Chipman Table

Go Outdoor Table

Harvest Table

Legrand Charging System

LINE Landscape Panels

Parallel 42 Bench

Parc Centre Table

Rai Bench

Wedge Table and Chair
Healthy Outdoor Spaces

For more information email us at structure-sales@landscapeforms.com or call 800.896.2936 to learn more about how we can help you quickly create healthy, safe outdoor learning centers.