
Cafeteria Tables

Q1. What is a cafeteria table?

A: Simply put, a cafeteria table is a tough, easy-to-clean dining table built specifically for spaces where lots of people eat every day — think school lunchrooms, employee break rooms, and corporate dining areas. Unlike the table in your conference room, cafeteria tables are made to handle spills, daily wipe-downs with cleaning chemicals, and heavy daily use without falling apart. At FindOfficeFurniture.com, we carry a wide range of cafeteria tables at prices that won't make your facilities budget cry. Have questions about what type fits your space? Give us a call at 888-719-4960 and we'll sort it out with you.

Q2. What sizes do cafeteria tables come in?

A: Good news — cafeteria tables come in plenty of sizes, so you're not stuck with one-size-fits-all. Rectangular tables (the most popular) are typically 30"×72" for 6–8 people or 30"×96" for 8–10. Round tables come in 36", 42", 48", and 60" diameters. Standard height is 30", and ADA tables run 28"–34" high. Not sure which size fits your room? The folks at FindOfficeFurniture.com are happy to help — call 888-719-4960 and we'll figure it out together.

Q3. How many people can sit at a cafeteria table?

A: The short answer: a standard 30"×72" rectangular cafeteria table fits 6–8 people, and a 30"×96" fits 8–10. Round tables range from 3–4 people (36" round) to 6–8 (60" round). As a rule, plan for 18"–24" of table edge per person — 18" for maximum density, 24" for more elbow room. If you're trying to figure out how many tables you need for a specific headcount, give FindOfficeFurniture.com a call at 888-719-4960 and we'll do the math with you.

Q4. Should I choose round or rectangular cafeteria tables?

A: Here's a simple way to think about it: if you need to pack in as many seats as possible and efficiency is the priority (schools, high-volume cafeterias), go rectangular. If you want a friendlier, more social dining atmosphere (corporate break rooms, employee lounges), round tables are the way to go. Many spaces use a mix — rectangular along the walls for density and rounds in the center for variety. Need help deciding? FindOfficeFurniture.com is just a call away at 888-719-4960.

Q5. What are the benefits of folding cafeteria tables?

A: Folding cafeteria tables are basically magic for multipurpose spaces. Lunch rush is over? Fold them up, roll them to storage, and you've got a room ready for a staff meeting or event. The key is buying commercial-grade units with solid locking mechanisms — cheap folding tables from general retailers are not built for daily institutional use. At FindOfficeFurniture.com, we stock folding cafeteria tables built for real-world heavy use. Questions? Ring us at 888-719-4960.

Q6. What is a cafeteria table with attached seating?

A: Classic cafeteria-style tables with attached benches are the ones you probably remember from school — the benches are built right into the table, so everything stays in place. They're great for high-density dining because you don't have to deal with chairs getting scattered around the room. Folding versions let the benches fold under the table so you can roll the whole unit away. The tradeoff is that they're not very ADA-friendly and the benches don't have back support. Want help finding the right attached-seating table for your space? Call FindOfficeFurniture.com at 888-719-4960.

Q7. Should cafeteria tables use separate chairs or attached benches?

A: It really comes down to your priorities. Need maximum seating and easy room management? Attached benches win. Want more comfort, a nicer look, and easier ADA compliance? Separate chairs are the way to go. Most corporate break rooms and employee cafeterias do better with chairs; most school lunchrooms go with attached benches for practical reasons. FindOfficeFurniture.com carries both configurations — give us a call at 888-719-4960 and we'll point you in the right direction.

Q8. What materials are cafeteria tables made from?

A: Cafeteria tables are made from some pretty tough stuff — by design. The top is usually high-pressure laminate (think: virtually indestructible and easy to clean) for indoor use, or HDPE plastic for outdoors. The frame is typically heavy-gauge powder-coated steel. What to avoid? Wood veneer — it looks nice in a brochure but falls apart under the daily chemical cleaning regimen of a real cafeteria. FindOfficeFurniture.com stocks tables made from the right materials for real-world use. Questions? 888-719-4960.

Q9. What should I look for in outdoor cafeteria tables?

A: Outdoor cafeteria tables need to be genuinely weatherproof — not just "weather-resistant." Look for HDPE plastic tops (they're practically indestructible outdoors) and galvanized or powder-coated metal frames. Skip anything with wood or standard laminate tops outside — they'll warp, fade, and deteriorate fast. FindOfficeFurniture.com carries outdoor cafeteria tables built for real outdoor use, not just the occasional sunny day. For help choosing the right one for your patio, courtyard, or campus setup, call us at 888-719-4960.

Q10. What are the ADA requirements for cafeteria tables?

A: ADA rules for cafeteria tables are pretty specific: at least 5% of your tables need to be wheelchair-accessible, with a surface height of 28"–34" and at least 27" of knee clearance underneath. You also need a 36" accessible aisle leading to those tables. Tables with attached benches usually can't meet ADA requirements, so those accessible tables typically use separate chairs. It's not as complicated as it sounds — FindOfficeFurniture.com can help you figure out exactly how many ADA tables you need and what specs to look for. Call 888-719-4960.

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