

INCLUSION STRATEGIES & TOOLS

SCHOOL AGE CARTS



Setting up an engaging cart can be:

- a collaborative activity to ensure children's interests and ideas are heard
- a way to promote inquiry, creativity and imagination
- a way to encourage children's independence and organization skills

Fun!



PLANNING SCHOOL AGE CARTS

- Make decisions about what materials and how much will go on each cart, led by children's interests.
- Create functionality and order by determining how the materials are used and then, tidied.
- Support organization with photo labels.
- Organize multiple carts by theme and function, e.g. snack, crafts, construction toys. In a shared space, you can use the carts to help define a space's function.
- Create more storage with containers or pockets that can be hooked or attached to the sides.
- Add a message board for the children to write highlights of their day and make requests for tomorrow's cart. For example: "Out of tape".
- Feed your creativity! What other equipment or materials are easy to move, store, and don't require a lot of space?
- Check out "Maker Space" ideas for kids.
- How can you use recyclables, age-appropriate tools, or old electronics?

Creating a cart can be a great collaborative project with children to encourage them to be creative and work as a team. This will also give them ownership of their program!

Engage children in every step of the process including planning, purchasing materials, building, and organizing.

