

Cafeteria Tables

These are the 10 most commonly asked questions about cafeteria tables for office and home office environments, with clear answers to help you make a confident, well-informed purchase decision.

Top 10 Questions — Cafeteria Tables

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What is a cafeteria table?

At OfficeFurniture2go, we define a cafeteria table as a purpose-built commercial dining table engineered for the demands of high-volume food service environments. With 30+ years of experience supplying institutional furniture, we've seen firsthand how the right cafeteria table transforms a break room or school lunchroom into a durable, efficient, and welcoming space. Our cafeteria tables feature commercial-grade laminate or HDPE tops, heavy-duty powder-coated steel frames, and weight ratings appropriate for daily institutional use. Whether you need fixed rectangular tables for a school cafeteria or folding round tables for a corporate multipurpose room, our team at 1-800-460-0858 can walk you through the right options.

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What sizes do cafeteria tables come in?

Cafeteria tables are available in a range of standardized sizes, and our team at OfficeFurniture2go — with 30+ years of experience in commercial furniture — can help you identify the exact dimensions that maximize seating in your specific room. Standard rectangular options include 30"×72" (6–8 seats) and 30"×96" (8–10 seats). Round tables range from 36" diameter (3–4 seats) up to 60" (6–8 seats). All standard cafeteria tables are 30" high, and we carry ADA-height options in the 28"–34" range. For custom sizing or high-volume projects, call us at 1-800-460-0858.

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How many people can sit at a cafeteria table?

Seating capacity is one of the most common questions we receive at OfficeFurniture2go, and after 30+ years of helping businesses and schools furnish their cafeterias, we have a clear answer: allow 18"–24" of table edge per person. A 30"×72" rectangular table fits 6–8 comfortably; a 30"×96" fits 8–10. Round tables range from 3–4 people (36" diameter) up to 6–8 (60" diameter). For precise capacity planning for your specific space, our team is available at 1-800-460-0858.

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Should I choose round or rectangular cafeteria tables?

In our 30+ years of experience at OfficeFurniture2go, we've seen both shapes succeed when matched to the right environment. Rectangular tables are the workhorses of school cafeterias and institutional lunchrooms — they seat more people per square foot and integrate naturally with attached bench seating. Round tables shine in corporate dining rooms and upscale employee lounges where a more welcoming, less institutional atmosphere is the goal. Our specialists at 1-800-460-0858 can help you evaluate your specific room dimensions and goals to recommend the best shape or combination.

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What are the benefits of folding cafeteria tables?

Folding cafeteria tables are one of the most requested product categories at OfficeFurniture2go, and with 30+ years of experience we know exactly when they're the right choice. If your room doubles as a dining area and an event or meeting space, folding tables give you the flexibility to reconfigure in minutes. They roll on integrated casters and fold flat for compact storage. We carry commercial-grade folding tables rated for heavy institutional use. Call us at 1-800-460-0858 to discuss the right folding table configuration for your space.

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What is a cafeteria table with attached seating?

Tables with attached seating — sometimes called lunchroom tables or cafeteria bench tables — are a staple of institutional dining, and they account for a significant portion of our sales at OfficeFurniture2go. The attached bench design keeps everything together, simplifies cleaning, and maximizes seating density. They're especially popular for schools and high-volume break rooms where managing loose chairs is impractical. With 30+ years of experience, we can help you choose the right bench attachment style and weight rating for your volume. Reach our team at 1-800-460-0858.

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Should cafeteria tables use separate chairs or attached benches?

This is one of the most important decisions in cafeteria furniture planning, and it's one our OfficeFurniture2go team — with 30+ years in the industry — helps clients navigate every day. Attached benches are ideal for schools and institutional settings where efficiency, density, and ease of management are paramount. Separate chairs are the right choice for corporate dining, healthcare, or any environment where comfort, aesthetics, or ADA compliance are higher priorities. Call us at 1-800-460-0858 and we'll help you weigh the factors for your specific project.

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What materials are cafeteria tables made from?

Material selection is critical in food service environments, and our 30+ years at OfficeFurniture2go have taught us exactly what holds up and what doesn't. High-pressure laminate tops are the gold standard for indoor cafeteria tables — they resist stains, scratches, and cleaning chemicals far better than veneer. Frames should be heavy-gauge steel with powder-coat finish. For outdoor applications, HDPE tops on galvanized steel frames are the most durable option. Avoid veneer in any cafeteria setting. Our specialists at 1-800-460-0858 can help you select the right material combination for your environment.

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What should I look for in outdoor cafeteria tables?

Outdoor cafeteria furniture is a specialty category that requires careful material selection, and with 30+ years of experience, OfficeFurniture2go knows which products survive the elements and which don't. For outdoor cafeteria tables, we recommend HDPE tops for their superior UV and moisture resistance, paired with galvanized or powder-coated steel frames. These units require virtually no maintenance beyond an occasional rinse. For coastal or high-humidity environments, specify marine-grade finishes. Call our team at 1-800-460-0858 to discuss the outdoor cafeteria table options best suited to your climate and environment.

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What are the ADA requirements for cafeteria tables?

ADA compliance in cafeteria environments is an area where OfficeFurniture2go's 30+ years of experience directly benefits our clients. The ADA requires a minimum of 5% of tables to be wheelchair-accessible, with surface heights of 28"–34", knee clearance of at least 27" high and 19" deep, and a 36" accessible aisle to the table. We carry a full range of ADA-compliant cafeteria tables and can help you calculate your minimum requirement and integrate accessible tables seamlessly into your overall layout. Call us at 1-800-460-0858 for ADA-specific guidance.

Have more questions? Our office furniture specialists are ready to help.

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