

Original Press Release

Getting students in a classroom to focus on their work, while sitting amongst 30 of their peers, can be quite difficult.

Scholastic Instructor magazine has named the "Desktop Study Carrel" from ClassroomProducts.com as one of its Best Bests under \$5.00, for 2004. The Desktop Study Carrel" is a low cost, low tech solution to an ever increasing problem . . . classroom distractions.

A study carrel is simply a 3 wall "cubicle" which sets on the desktop, providing privacy from the front and sides. ClassroomProducts.com has die-cut the heavy cardboard unit so that it folds cleanly, and adapts easily to a desktop.

Judy White, Principal of Herberich Primary School in Akron, Ohio, is very pleased with the product. "As I walked through the halls each day, I noticed that entire classes were using your product. Students were working diligently and quietly on their schoolwork. Teachers were very pleased with the way the "Desktop Study Carrel's" allowed students to have privacy as they worked." As for the cost, "This is a great product and inexpensive enough that every child is able to have his/her own study carrel."

Libraries have used study carrels for years, knowing their capability of keeping noise levels down, and giving user's privacy and a better environment for focusing on their work.

According to "Parents, Let's Unite for Kids", a private nonprofit organization founded in 1984 by a group of parents of children with disabilities and chronic health problems, ADD children are more comfortable and productive when they are concentrating if unimportant stimuli are reduced or eliminated . . . "some ADD children like to use study carrels with sides that cut off visual distractions and reduce noise".

The Alaska Comprehensive System of Student Assessment (CSSA) states in their "Comprehensive System of Student Assessment Benchmark 2 Test Administration Directions" that cardboard carrels help students work individually.