# Learning Activity

**Designing Environments**

**How The Physical Space Can Affect Behavior**

**Activity overview**: Participants examine the relationship between the physical environment and behavior, then brainstorm possible changes to the space that address challenges.

**Directions**: In the left column, participants brainstorm a list of behavior challenges that relate to space. In the middle column, explain how the physical space might contribute to that behavior. Finally, in the right column, record ways that changes could be made to the environment to address the behavior challenge.

| **Behavior challenges** | **Tie to the physical space** | **Change to address challenge** |
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| Running | Large open spaces in the classroom without physical barriers | Break up the long expanses with turns and furniture. |