Worried you'll have trouble managing all of the learning materials, projects, and scheduling for the upcoming school year? Set your students up for success with these organizational bulletin board ideas.

DECIDE THE PURPOSE OF YOUR BULLETIN BOARD:

Determine how often you will update the bulletin board: Weekly? Monthly? Quarterly?

Classic cork board organization? Planning? Creativity?

Homemade bulletin board:

One affordable option is a sound-deafening board. It's soft and sturdy yet doesn't crumble like Styrofoam. Find it at stores like Lowes or Home Depot for $10–$20. Cover in a fun wrapping paper or fabric. Use a staple gun to attach. Screw into the wall with screws and washers, to keep the screws from going too deep into the board.

CHOOSE YOUR BULLETIN BOARD BASE.
PICK BETWEEN:

GATHER ANY MATERIALS NEEDED. YOU’LL LIKELY NEED:

THUMB TACKS

FILES

STICKY NOTES

RIBBON

CALENDAR

TEMPLATES

PRINTER PAPER AND CONSTRUCTION PAPER

BLOCK LETTERS

STAPLER AND STAPLES

MARKERS, PENS

THE ESSENTIALS FOR ANY AGE GROUP

STEP TO GET STARTED

TIP TO REMEMBER:

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“Did you know?” trivia facts related to the courses.

Construction paper clocks that show times for snacks, breaks such as outdoor play, lunch, and the end of the day.

Clipboards or “pockets” for each course where assignments can be “turned in” when completed.

Book or author spotlight that changes as new books are introduced.

“Word of the day” showcase with a new word and definition, changed often.

Color-coded folders dedicated to each lesson where materials can be stowed.

“Change your mind-set” section to counter negative thoughts and stay motivated.

Clipboard with student user names and passwords.

Teacher + student touch-base checklist to encourage communication.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

“College of the week” and/or “Profession of the week” spotlight.

Road Trip to College map with sticky note stops along the way indicating goals and tasks.

Folders with resources for success (study tips, college prep materials, etc.).

Literature or science “Term of the week” with definition.

Clipboard with student username and passwords.

Teacher + student touch-base checklist with sticky note stops along the way indicating goals and tasks.

HIGH SCHOOL

“College of the week” and/or “Profession of the week” spotlight.

Road Trip to College map with sticky note stops along the way indicating goals and tasks.

Folders with resources for success (study tips, college prep materials, etc.).

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Clipboard with student username and passwords.

Teacher + student touch-base checklist.

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