

# Smart Ideas for Your Student's Learning Environment

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Declutter, tidy and organize where a student studies. Items that represent growth and creativity, like tape measures, encyclopedias and other educational resources, should also be smartly placed in the wisdom area. Bookcases, pens, colored pencils and writing tablets or notebooks are perfectly placed here, as well as globes of our wonderful Earth. Placing lighting to illuminate what students' study is easy to address with table and floor lamps so remember a 60-watt lamp is not sufficient. Bump up all lamps to 100 watts and let the learning begin.

Also, try to review the actual desk set-up beyond the Commanding Position. Does the student have adequate room to spread out their school work? If not, consider purchasing or making a new desk that is slightly larger and customized to your student's needs. Check to make sure the chair and the chair height offer comfort and support.

Place inspirational and calming images of majestic mountains to climb or the wonder of our Earth on study area walls and allow them to dream, too. You can also place some of the shells and rocks collected on summer beach excursions to the study area to activate the Earth element. Or paint the walls a soothing and soft light blue or green to stimulate growth and development.

Remind a student to develop good study habits that include tackling the toughest assignments first, work before play, time management, and also personal care with small breaks to stretch, eat, hydrate and rest to refresh.

Present the idea of being a lifelong learner with your child and as such, all the ways that they learn are important. Limit social media access and instead allow your child to softly play classical music in the background that will stimulate concentration and creativity. Place at least one healthy plant in the study room to stimulate upward growth and bring life force (Qi) into the area.

As the new school year approaches be motivated to model your own commitment to a student's success through your proactive interest in reviewing and making positive changes to their study environment in your home.

Proactively placing emphasis on creating an energized and calming place for the learning adventures of our children will set the right tone and start the school year out on a positive note.

<p><b>WEALTH &amp; PROSPERITY</b> "Gratitude"</p> <p>REAR LEFT</p> <p><u>Wood</u> Blues, purple &amp; reds</p>	<p><b>FAME &amp; REPUTATION</b> "Integrity"</p> <p>REAR MIDDLE</p> <p><u>Fire</u> Reds</p>	<p><b>LOVE &amp; MARRIAGE</b> "Receptivity"</p> <p>REAR RIGHT</p> <p><u>Earth</u> Reds, pinks, &amp; whites</p>
<p><b>HEALTH &amp; FAMILY</b> "Strength"</p> <p>MIDDLE LEFT</p> <p><u>Wood</u> Blues &amp; Greens</p>	<p><b>CENTER</b> "Earth"</p> <p>Yellow &amp; earth tones</p>	<p><b>CREATIVITY &amp; CHILDREN</b> "Joy"</p> <p>MIDDLE RIGHT</p> <p><u>Metal</u> White &amp; Pastels</p>
<p><b>KNOWLEDGE &amp; SELF CULTIVATION</b> "Stillness"</p> <p>FRONT LEFT</p> <p><u>Earth</u> Black, blues &amp; greens</p>	<p><b>CAREER</b> "Depth"</p> <p>FRONT MIDDLE</p> <p><u>Water</u> Black &amp; dark tones</p>	<p><b>HELPFUL PEOPLE &amp; TRAVEL</b> "Synchronicity"</p> <p>FRONT RIGHT</p> <p><u>Metal</u> White, grey &amp; black</p>

The Bagua Map: Front Door

## Quick guide to Self Knowledge and Wisdom Bagua Area of Child's Bedroom:

- De-clutter, tidy and organize;
- Activate the self-knowledge area — the left area along wall of the entry door;
- It's ruled by the Earth element and supported by the Fire element
- Minimize Wood and Water elements;
- The strong color is blue;
- The I CHING Imagery is Mountain
- Wisdom is more than the accumulation of knowledge so this area rules our skillful self-reflection and cultivation, contemplative capacity as well.

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