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The Focus Chair

I have noticed that students and grown ups can't sit still when they are in school or at work when they are fidgety. This creates a big problem as it is really difficult to listen, learn and concentrate when you are focusing on sitting still. My invention, The Focus Chair, will help students and adults concentrate on learning and doing their jobs rather than on sitting still. With this product, children will have a better chance of becoming the inventors of tomorrow. Adults will improve their job performance and become more productive and inventive.

There is already something called a Wiggle Cushion used in schools to help students who fidget. But, my design is better because it is an entire cozy, cushioned chair. There's a massager in the chair plus the chair has an iPod with earbuds that plays soft, calming instrumental music. However, the teacher's voice can still easily be heard and understood over the music. There's a spot for water bottles so you can't put it in your desk. These chairs are most expensive than wiggly cushions so students must have an IEP to use one. This design will help at least help 5 children from every classroom.

Before getting the chair, Herbert a 2nd grader at John Taurus Elementary School in Portland, Oregon, was throwing paper airplane to Sherbert most of the school day. Herbert was not a good listener and was getting bad grades. It looked like, Herbert was going to flunk second grade. Along with introducing The Focus Chair, Herbert's teacher used some other techniques like running laps and doing deep breathing exercises to help him focus. Herbert learned that he could focus and be an excellent student.

The Focus Chair spells success for all ages!