

PHONE STORAGE OPTIONS:

\$5/student: (filing cabinet drawers and door caddies on closet doors also fit in the budget friendly category)

Phone Storage: Practical Solutions

Wide array of options and costs

Budget-Friendly Cost: Under \$5/student

- Zippered pencil pouches in secured baskets by class
- Padded envelopes organized in baskets by grade
- Mail organizer with padlock
- Locked filing cabinet/drawer



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\$6-\$15/student:

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Mid-Range Cost: \$6-15/student

- Locked phone lockers
- Custom-built solutions
- Uline bin organizer



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\$20-\$30/student: (other products like Faraday also fall in this category)

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Expensive
Cost: \$20-30/student
-Yondr magnetic pouches



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Schools using alternative storage solutions

DC Hardy Middle School (600 students) where each student has a labelled pencil pouch that they put in stackable bins by class. *TODAY Show: [Phone free school in DC shows positive effects, more engagement](#)*

Dunbar High School in Dayton, OH (550 students). Phones are kept in padded manila envelopes. *TODAY Show: [Ohio school district bans cellphones — and sees positive results.](#)*

South Division High School in Milwaukee, WI (800 students). Phones are kept in hanging folders in bins for the duration of the school day. It is Wisconsin's "largest and multicultural high school" with one of the largest bilingual programs in the state.

NPR Article: [Teens can't get off their phones. Here's what some schools are doing about it.](#)

Model policy for bell-to-bell phone-free school policy with inaccessible storage

Phone-Free Schools on a Budget Webinar

[15-minute version](#). Administrators from Dayton High School in Ohio -550 students using manilla envelopes and Sharon Academy in VT - 115 students using a central storage "Locker".

[Full 40-min version](#)

[2 minute video](#) of the [brain drain study](#), which explains why phones in the same room remain a distraction even if turned off (and why we don't prefer Yondr pouches, kept in their backpack).

[The Screenagers Podcast | How One School's Bold Move to Lock Away Phones Transformed Learning](#)