

In-school phone storage: Which option do you choose?



There are many benefits to reducing cell phone use, but managing student phones can be challenging. In some situations, teachers might need to quickly unlock and distribute phones to students, but which storage option is right for you - a tub or an individual pouch?

Benefits	Tech Tub [®] for Phone Storage - 30 phones (PHS02)	Individual Phone Pouch Storage
Security	Can be locked by the teacher who has access to the devices at all times without the need of an unlocking mechanism that is usually not in the room. Teachers and admin support will have access to the devices at any time.	Students have their phones in a pouch that needs to be individually unlocked, often at a location using a specific tool which is located outside of the classroom.
Mobility	Can be installed on a tabletop or counter and removed when needed. The ability to remove the whole unit is helpful when evacuating, making it easy to carry all devices for distribution once in a safe place.	Can create bottlenecks with students needing a shared specialized tool to unlock pouches during breaks, emergencies or at the end of the school day.
Focus	Out of sight-out of mind. When stored, students have full attention on learning and classroom activities.	Students still have the devices and can still be distracted when they vibrate or go off in their possession.
Durability	Made from durable high impact ABS plastic and comes with a lifetime warranty.	Pouches have a limited lifespan, based on everyday wear and tear.
Cost	The cost of the storage is covered by individual schools/school districts.	The cost of pouches is covered by individual schools/ districts but if lost by a student the replacement cost may be the responsibility of the parent/student.
	Cost to store 30 phones = \$288.00 USD / \$335.00 CDN	Cost to store 30 phones, using an average unit cost of \$25 per phone = \$750.00 USD/CDN



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