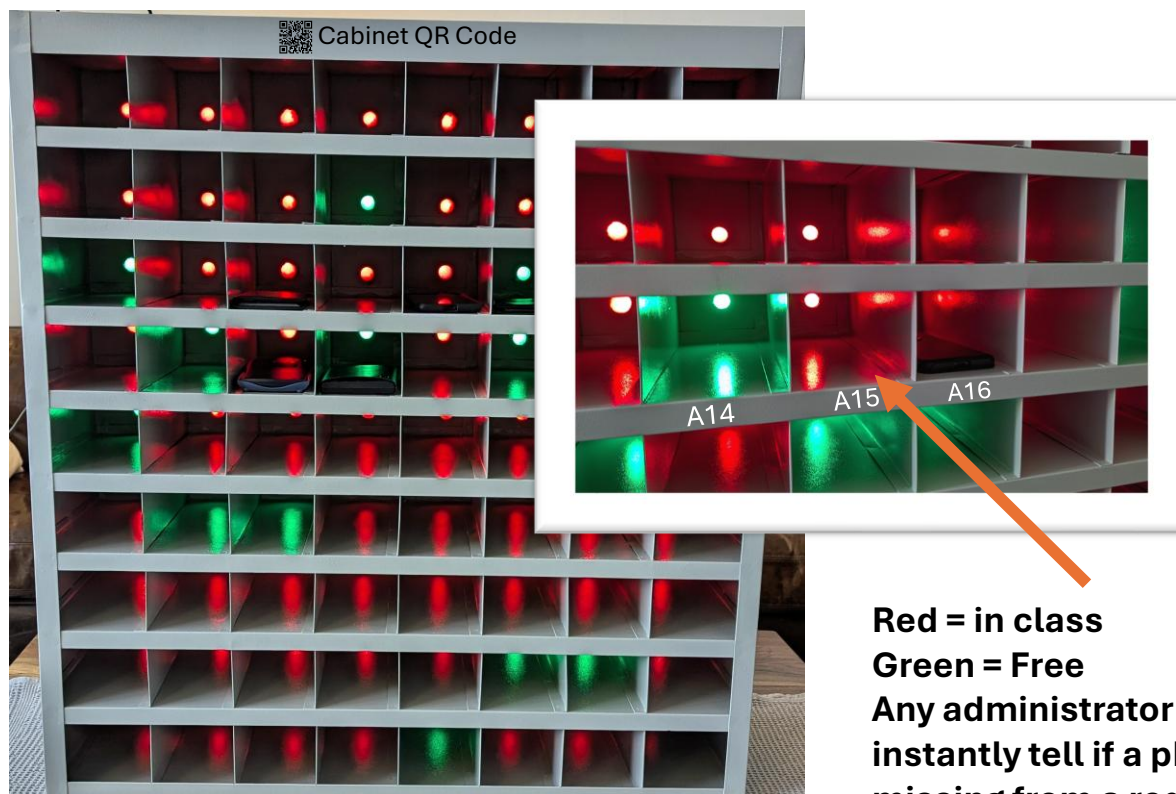


The Smart Cubby

The Smart Cubby is a simple, affordable way for schools to reduce phone distractions by giving every student a place to store their phone during class.



Red = in class
Green = Free
Any administrator can instantly tell if a phone is missing from a red cubby.

- **How it works:**

- A light on each cubby shows the student's class status in real time — red means they're currently in class, green means they're in a free period.
- At-a-glance compliance - Any administrator can instantly tell if a phone is missing from a red cubby.
- Each cubby has a number and a QR code or unique label associated with the cabinet.
- A staff member is assigned to check the cubbies two to three times a day. If a phone is missing, they scan the cabinet's QR code. Other staff can check when they walk by.
- Fieldston has flexibility in how strict they want to be: phones could be required to be in the cubby all day (9th and 10th grade), or students could be allowed to take them during free periods (11th and 12th).
- At the end of the day, an automatic email goes out to the student, their parents, and the dean for any student whose phone was missing.
- The whole unit is wall mounted or on wheels, so it can be rolled away.

Smart Cubby vs Yondr Pouches

Why a Cabinet Instead of Phone Pouches

- Phone pouches, like Yondr, lock a student's phone in a pouch they carry around and unlock at a station. In practice, pouches create a lot of extra work for teachers - a teacher or admin has to spot an infraction and stop what they're doing, deal with the issue, and notify the dean. Pouches are easy for students to get around using cheap magnets, or a heavy rock to open ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#)). Pouches also need to be replaced because they get lost or damaged - which adds up in cost over time.
- The Smart Cubby solves these same problems differently: it's a solid cabinet that can either be stationary mounted on the wall in a hallway or on wheels to move to a closet during the school day.
- The LED lights make it easy for any teacher or administrator to see compliance status instantly, at any time of day. This “at-a-glance” monitoring makes enforcement easy since any staff member could mark a phone missing from the slot at any time (not just the assigned staff member).
- A staff member scans a QR code on the cabinet, taps an image of the empty slot on their phone, and an alert goes out automatically. Staff can see which slots are empty just by looking at the lights, from anywhere in the hallway.
- Everyone is looking for ways to teach our kids how to use technology more wisely and appropriately. Students will learn the benefit of putting their phone in a set location when they need to focus and perform at their best. This is a skill they can bring home at night. Pouches don't teach that same habit, since students won't encounter a lockable pouch anywhere outside of school.

Bottom Line

- Phone pouches rely on students choosing to comply, which tends to fall apart without significant commitment and friction with teachers and staff. The Smart Cubby Cabinet makes compliance easy to check and hard to fake, easy to monitor and track, protects student privacy by using numbers instead of names, and is a lower investment as compared to an up-front purchase of pouches followed by recurring costs.