

From Chaos to Focus: One School's Journey with NuKase

About Clearwater Unified School

Clearwater Unified is a K-12 public school located in a suburban district in the Pacific Northwest. Like many schools today, it was struggling with rising student phone use and classroom disruption.



The Problem Before NuKase

By 2022, Clearwater was facing serious classroom disruption:

- Students were texting and scrolling during instruction.
- Teachers struggled to manage screen time without escalating tension.
- Academic performance declined, with test scores dropping 8% year-over-year.
- Behavioral referrals related to phone misuse had nearly doubled.
- Students reported higher stress and lower focus.

Administrators knew a simple ban wasn't enough. Confiscation policies only created conflict, and students often found workarounds.



The NuKase Solution

In Fall 2023, Clearwater implemented NuKase across its middle and high school grades. Each student received a durable, locking phone case designed to stay sealed throughout the school day. The rollout included:

- Teacher training and parent onboarding
- NuKase stations in classrooms
- Flexible unlock protocols for emergencies

Teachers quickly embraced the system. Students adapted surprisingly well — many even reported relief from constant notifications.



Voices from the School

“I’ve been teaching for 12 years, and NuKase gave me my classroom back. Students are more present — and I’m less stressed.”

— Ms. Howard, 8th Grade Teacher

“It was hard at first, but now I get more done in class. I don’t miss my phone like I thought I would.”

— Marcus, 10th Grade Student

“We tried policies and punishments. NuKase is the first thing that actually worked.”

— Mr. Reynolds, Assistant Principal



Results After 90 Days

Clearwater saw significant improvements:

- 77% drop in classroom phone incidents
- 11% increase in student focus and participation (measured via teacher surveys)
- 9% gain in quarterly math and reading scores
- Improved relationships between students and staff
- Students reported feeling more focused, less anxious, and more socially connected

Conclusion

NuKase empowered Clearwater Unified to shift from constant enforcement to consistent focus. The results speak for themselves: fewer distractions, better grades, and a more connected school culture.

NuKase doesn't just lock phones — it unlocks learning.