

HENRY SIBLEY HIGH SCHOOL, MENDOTA HEIGHTS, MINNESOTA

PROJECT CASE STUDY



FIXED AND MOBILE MEDIA STORAGE CABINETS

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BEFORE



AFTER

CHALLENGE

Improve organization and usefulness of AV equipment storage room.

WENGER SOLUTION

Consulting with school personnel to learn about storage frustrations and suggest possible solutions. Providing fixed and mobile cabinets designed to accommodate wide range of equipment. Offering a variety of accessories to enable easy customization.

BENEFITS

- Easier, faster equipment access and inventory management.
- Better space utilization and designated locations for all equipment.
- Enhanced safeguarding of significant financial investment.
- Improved organization reduces clutter and enhances aesthetics.
- Mobile carts provide flexibility and support for events and presentations.

HIGHLIGHTS

“Before Wenger, our media storage room was a mix of old library shelves, second-hand cabinets and a used peg board,” recalls Dann Hurlbert, AV Specialist & Film Studies Instructor at Henry Sibley High School (HSHS), in Mendota Heights, Minnesota.

“With multiple users and events, organization was difficult,” he says. “Equipment was piled and stacked, making it necessary to move everything in order to access what was underneath.”

Wenger evaluated the size of the AV storage room and the equipment being stored before making recommendations. Then Wenger provided a variety of fixed and mobile media storage cabinets designed to accommodate every piece of AV equipment.

“Our new cabinet solution is night and day better than what we had before,” declares Hurlbert. “The cabinets are beautiful and really help keep the room looking clean.”

He no longer sees equipment and cables and trash everywhere. The room still contains the same equipment, but everything is organized and out of sight. Space utilization also improved dramatically.

With the new cabinets, specific storage locations are now designated for each item of equipment. “It’s a huge benefit that everything has its own distinct home, because otherwise it may not go back in the right place,” comments Hurlbert.

For added flexibility, two mobile carts are available for use throughout the school, whether for presentations or events. “They hold lots of gear – we can use the larger cart as a mobile DJ or PA system,” explains Hurlbert, adding that the top work surface easily holds a mixer and laptop, with a small keyboard fitting underneath perfectly.

Three models of fixed cabinets are installed at HSHS – standard, rackmount and organizer – with a variety of shelves, drawers and options. The organizer model features a wire grid inside the door and back panel designed to accommodate hooks, handy holders and other accessories: baskets, cable minders, mic stand holders and CD racks. In particular, Hurlbert called the CD racks “helpful, valuable and ingenious.”

One of his favorite fixed cabinets features shelves, two file drawers and four 4” deep drawers for tools and smaller items. “It’s a great combination of drawers and functional space,” he notes.

In another cabinet, Hurlbert really likes the abundant shelves – 14 total – that hold, among other things, “every adapter known to man,” he jokes. Kidding aside, Hurlbert sees a growing proliferation of AV equipment today – equipment components are becoming smaller and more numerous.

“I’ve worked in this field more than 15 years, and I remember a time when cables were standardized for adapters and plugs,” he explains. “Nowadays every company has a slightly different adapter or plug, and they change every few years so you have to keep buying them.”

AV equipment represents a sizable investment, often acquired over multiple budget years. Hurlbert appraises HSHS’ inventory at more than \$50,000, including two LCD projectors, four speakers, a mixer and “lots of little things that add up.”

He contrasts the past – the messy, haphazard arrangement in the storage room before – with the room’s current status. Concludes Hurlbert, “We’re not winging it any longer...we’ve got Wenger.”



EXAMPLES OF CABINET ORGANIZATION

PRODUCT LIST

Fixed and Mobile Media Storage Cabinets, both one- and two-column models, with accessories including hooks, handy holders, baskets, cable minders, mic stand holders and CD racks.