PROJECT SNAPSHOT

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New Deal ISD Corrects Undersized File Drawers for Top-Tab Storage

New Deal ISD's new elementary and middle school building included high-density file storage for the school offices. When the original drawers proved too short for top-tab folders, Southwest Solutions Group reconfigured the drawers within the installed system.

INDUSTRY

Education

File storage for school office records.

LOCATION

New Deal, Texas

A school district project near Lubbock.

FACILITY TYPE

Elementary and Middle Schools

Office storage in a newly completed building.

SOLUTION

High-Density Storage

A drawer correction within the installed system.

PRODUCTS USED

Spacesaver File Drawers

12-inch drawers configured four high.

PROJECT GOAL

Correct the Drawer Fit

Provide the clearance the original drawers lacked.

THE PROBLEM

New Drawers That Did Not Fit the Files

The high-density storage system had already been installed, but the drawers did not provide enough clearance for the offices' top-tab folders. Although the system itself was suitable for the space, the drawer height kept it from serving its intended purpose. The issue was specific: the drawers needed to be taller, and the number of drawers in each stack had to change accordingly.



01

The Folders and Drawers Were Incompatible

The installed 9-inch drawers did not leave enough room above the folders' tabs.

02

The Storage System Was Already in Place

The high-density system had been installed in the new building. The correction therefore focused on the drawer configuration rather than the surrounding equipment.

03

The School Year Had Started

The corrected drawers arrived after classes began, adding coordination with the general contractor and school staff to the installation.

THE SOLUTION

Reconfiguring the Existing Storage System

SSG removed the six-high stacks of 9-inch drawers and installed four-high stacks of 12-inch drawers in their place. This addressed the folder-clearance problem without removing the high-density storage system that was already installed.



DRAWER CONFIGURATION

From Six Drawers to Four

The original arrangement placed six 9-inch drawers in each stack. The new arrangement used four 12-inch drawers per stack.

PRODUCT

Spacesaver File Drawers

The replacement drawers provided the additional height required by the school offices' folders.

PROJECT SCOPE

A Drawer-Only Correction

The surrounding high-density equipment remained in place while SSG changed the drawer stacks.

IMPLEMENTATION

Completing the Correction During the School Year

The corrected drawers arrived after the school year had already begun, making coordination with the general contractor and school staff more difficult. SSG scheduled the corrective installation with those groups and completed the drawer change in the new building.

01 ASSESSMENT

Confirming the Fit Problem

SSG identified the drawer height as the reason the folders did not fit the installed storage.

02 CONFIGURATION

Defining the Drawer Change

The corrective scope replaced six-high stacks of 9-inch drawers with four-high stacks of 12-inch drawers.

03 COORDINATION

Working After School Began

SSG coordinated the corrective work with the general contractor and school staff after the school year was underway.

04 INSTALLATION

Removing and Reinstalling the Drawers

SSG removed the original drawer stacks and installed the new four-high configuration within the existing high-density system.

RESULTS

Usable File Storage Without Replacing the System

Once the 12-inch drawers were installed, the top-tab folders fit as intended. New Deal ISD could use the file storage in its elementary and middle school offices without replacing the high-density system.

PRIMARY OUTCOME

The Drawer Height Was Corrected

Changing the stack configuration corrected the mismatch between the original drawers and the folders the school offices needed to store.

EXISTING EQUIPMENT

The High-Density System Remained

The drawer-only correction allowed the existing storage installation to serve its original purpose without replacing the full system.

PROJECT COVERAGE

Storage for Both School Offices

The corrected configuration served the elementary and middle school offices in the new building.

PROJECT GALLERY

File Drawer Storage Before and After

Project photos show the original drawer configuration and the completed four-high stacks of 12-inch drawers.







READY TO SOLVE A SIMILAR PROBLEM?

Need to Correct a File Storage System?

Southwest Solutions Group helps schools and other organizations correct file-storage problems in new and existing systems.

If your folders do not fit the system you have, we can assess the equipment and recommend a practical correction.