

Yondr Pouch Implementation



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PHONE-FREE SPACES

Parent Information Session
September 3, 2025

Why Phone- Free Works

- Excellent learners limit distractions
- Surgeon General: Social media poses “profound risk” to adolescent mental health — linked to poor sleep, anxiety, and depression.
- Students focus <6 minutes before tech distraction.
- Yondr schools: 84% more engagement, 72% better behavior, 68% higher academic performance.
- 86% of school leaders say parents support limits; 94% of teachers report more class time for learning.

Benefits of Phone-Free Schools

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Many Ways to Support Student Needs

- There are many School Based Mental Health Professionals (SBMHP) ready to assist
- Flash Passes
- More helpful to meet with a SBMHP than to access a phone
- Every classroom has a landline and students can email when appropriate
 - In emergencies we want students to focus on the adults' instructions
- In a crisis, a SBMHP can assist with unlocking the pouch

Accommodations for Phone Use?

- Overall, WHS has seen students adapt and be successful, even with significant mental health needs
- Must be shown that a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) cannot be achieved without the phone
- Purpose is not to increase parent/student communication
- Must be part of a medical or mental health treatment plan
 - A doctor's note is not a guarantee of an accommodation
 - Students will still need to have the pouch unlocked in some cases

HOW IT WORKS

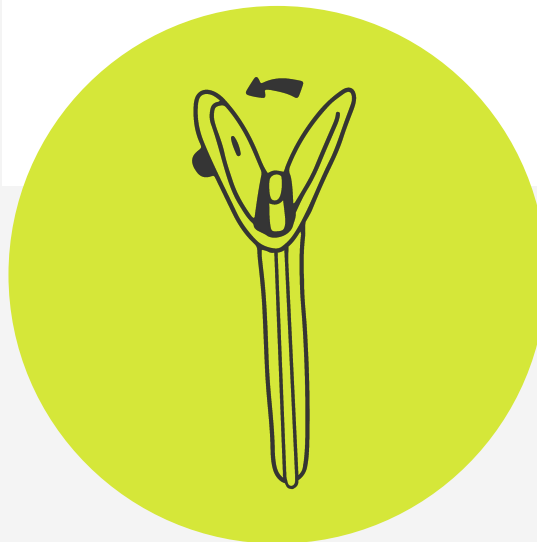
POUCH

Turn off phone.
Place inside under
staff supervision.



LOCK

Push the lock
button and take the
phone to class.



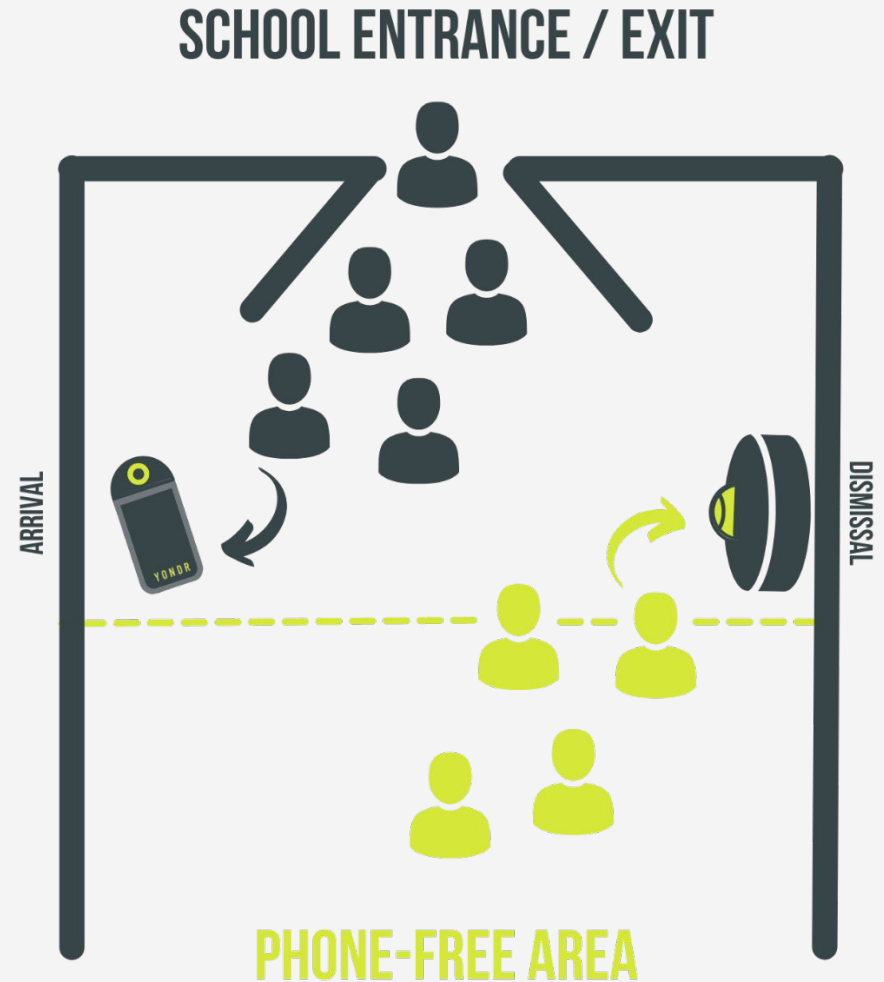
UNLOCK

Tap green ring to
magnet and press
button to unlock.



DAILY PROCESS:

**STUDENTS WILL
ENTER INTO DOORS
1, 8, 13**



ARRIVAL DEMONSTRATION

- Present StudentVue at entrance
- Turn phone off or on airplane mode.
- Slide phone into pouch.
- Close the top of the pouch.
- Press the green push-pin button to secure.



DISMISSAL DEMONSTRATION

- Tap the side with the green circular ring to the unlocking base.
 - As you tap the pouch on the base, push the button to release the lock.
 - Retrieve your phone and close the pouch back up.
 - Keep your pouch with you for the following school day.
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- *Magnets will be located in the hallway leading to door 1, near door 8, and in the cafeteria*
 - *Administrators will also have handheld magnets that students can use*



Emergency?

- Students will ask for a pass (if in class) and will report to the main office to use one of the office phones
- Main office staff can assist students with looking up phone numbers in Synergy if necessary
- Students can briefly use their phones in the main office for emergency purposes
- APS will send information to families via their messaging systems in the case of a school or district emergency

Violations & Consequences

| Cell Phone Violation | What happens | When you get it back | Discipline |
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| 1st Violation | You will pouch your phone. If you can't, it will be taken to the main office | After school | Confiscation Documented Warning |
| 2nd Violation | Your phone will be confiscated and stored in the main office. Parents may be notified. | After school | Lunch detention |
| 3rd Violation | Your phone will be confiscated and stored in the main office. Parent(s) will be notified. | After school | After School Detention Parent Notification |
| 4th and Beyond | Your phone will be confiscated and stored in main office. Parent(s) must pick it up | Your pouch privileges are revoked for ten days. This means you must give your phone at the door. | After School Detention Parent Meeting Privileges Revoked |

Want to learn more?

Please reach out to your child's Principal, Grade level Assistant Principal, or Dean of Students if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year regarding the implementation of Yondr pouches.

We are excited to partner with you in keeping our schools phone-free and allowing for more engagement and learning to happen!

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