

Yondr Cell Phone Pouch Policy (for participating schools only)

Purpose

To establish the basic structure for the use of electronic devices owned by students in schools where the Yondr Pouches are in use..

Policy

This policy is intended to ensure that personal electronic devices on district and school property do not interfere with the learning, safety, and well-being of students and staff.

For the purposes of this policy, a personal cellular device is any device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays any message or video image, or is otherwise capable of sending, receiving, emitting, photographing, recording, storing or displaying any type of audio or visual communication, files, or data. This includes, but is not limited to, cellular phones, smart phones, camera phones. All other Electronic personal devices fall under the Escambia County Electronic Communication Device Policy.

There is no reason that a student should need a cell phone during the regular school day. In any instance requiring emergency communication with a student, our school will immediately assist the student, a parent, or other responsible adult with that situation by using a school telephone.

*This policy does not apply to *school-issued* PC/laptop computers or chrome books.

Students may possess or use personal electronic devices on school property or school-sponsored events during the instructional day according to the following guidelines ONLY:

- **Before school until the beginning of the school day (before entering building to start the day)**
- **After school as signaled by the bell upon exiting the building and releasing the pouches (this procedure may differ depending on the school).**
- **Administrative approval (instances may occur where administration will unlock pouches for students to call home such as severe weather, unplanned early release, etc.).**

Cell phones are not to be outside of the Yondr pouch on campus during the school day. This policy will be enforced through the utilization of locking cell phone pouches. These pouches will be issued to each student at the beginning of the school year. When a student arrives at school each day, he/she will enter the property via designated entry points. A Yondr pouch check will be at each of these entry points. When approaching the checkpoint, each student should be holding his/her cell phone in one hand (**turned off or in Airplane Mode**) and his/her Yondr pouch in the other hand. As he/she passes through the check points, he/she will place the phone into the pouch and snap the pouch closed. This process takes about 1 ½ seconds per student. Once locked, the student will be unable to open the pouch without a special unlocking mechanism. These unlocking mechanisms will be placed in the designated exit points at the end of the school day so that students can access their devices as they leave campus.

If a student is found in violation of the Yondr Cell Phone Pouch Policy, the teacher will immediately contact administration. The student will receive a discipline referral for Defiance of Yondr Cell Phone Pouch Policy. These consequences are listed below. Any intentional damages to or loss of the Yondr pouch will incur a charge of \$20 to the student's school fees. Students will be unable to graduate until all school fees are paid. Administration reserves the right to conduct Pouch Searches at any point during the day or school year. This process involves the administration entering a classroom or area of the school and asking the students to take out the Yondr Pouches and then opening the pouches to see if students' phones are secured inside. They may ask the students to take out the phones or they may

take the phones out themselves. They may also ask the students to show that their phones are silenced or in airplane mode.

Forgotten Pouches:

Any student who is found to not be in possession of a pouch when entering through the checkpoints will be sent to the office to sign in as not having a pouch. If that student is in possession of a cellular device, that device will be locked in the front office and returned to the student at the end of the day. On the third sign in, a phone call will be made to a parent or guardian as a warning. On the fourth sign in, the student will receive a discipline referral for Defiance of Yondr Cell Phone Pouch Policy and be assigned the appropriate consequence. In addition, a charge of \$20 will be added to the student's school fees to replace the pouch. These sign in logs will be maintained until the end of each semester.

Student Defiance of Yondr Cell Phone Pouch Policy

Defiance of the Yondr Cell Phone Pouch Policy – in possession of a cellular device outside of the locked Yondr pouch or intentional damage to pouch.

- The student's device will be confiscated by administration and locked in the front office until a parent or guardian is able to take possession of it as well as the consequences below.
- Intentional damage to or loss of the Yondr pouch will incur a \$20 student fee that must be paid prior to graduation in addition to the consequences below.
- Willful intent to not comply with the requests by administration in any way will result in a defiance referral as well as the Yondr Pouch referral.

Yondr Cell Phone Pouch Discipline

1st offense – In-school suspension-1 day

2nd offense – In-school suspension-2 days or 1 day Saturday School

3rd offense – Out of School Suspension- 1 day

4th offense – Out of School Suspension- 3 days

5th offense – Out of School Suspension- 5 days

6th and subsequent offenses- Referral to Alternative School for 15 day placement.