

**TWAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL
CELL PHONE STORAGE PILOT
PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**



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CREATING PHONE-FREE
SCHOOLS SINCE 2014





THE IMPACT OF PHONES AND SOCIAL MEDIA – VA DOE

Implementing cell phone-free education in Virginia's K-12 public schools is critical, especially given youth chronic health conditions, such as depression and anxiety, that are driven in part by extensive social media and cell phone use.

[Cell Phone-Free Education in Virginia K-12 Public Schools](#)

- Children spend an average of 4.8 hours a day on social media, and recent studies indicate that spending more than three hours a day on social media doubles the risk of poor mental health for adolescents.
- Since 2010, The rate of suicide has increased 167% for girls and 91% for boys.
- In the same timeframe, both groups experienced a 161% and 145% spike in depression.



LEGISLATION IN VIRGINIA:

Governor Glenn Youngkin has issued [Executive Order 33](#) to establish cell phone-free education to promote the health and safety of Virginia's K-12 students.

Executive Order 33 is focused on eliminating cell phone use during instructional time and addressing the mental health issues arising from children's social media and cell phone addiction.





THE IMPACT OF PHONES AND SOCIAL MEDIA – FCPS

FCPS has rules against students using cellphones in class, but having to constantly enforce these **rules takes time, energy, and focus away from teaching.**

33% of middle school teachers surveyed nationwide say that students being **distracted by their cell phones is a “major problem”** in their classroom.

30% say cell phone **policies are “somewhat” or “very difficult” to enforce.**

By locking cell phones, our teachers can **spend more time teaching** and less time asking students to put their phones away.



THE TOOL: THE YONDR POUCH

Allow your students to experience the focus, creativity, and relief that comes from a phone-free school day.





THE YONDR TOOL

Yondr has created a patented pouch and unlocking base that provides a standardized system for all students, each receiving an assigned pouch for the school year.



HOW IT WORKS

POUCH

Turn off phone. Place inside under staff supervision.



LOCK

Push the lock button and take the phone to class.



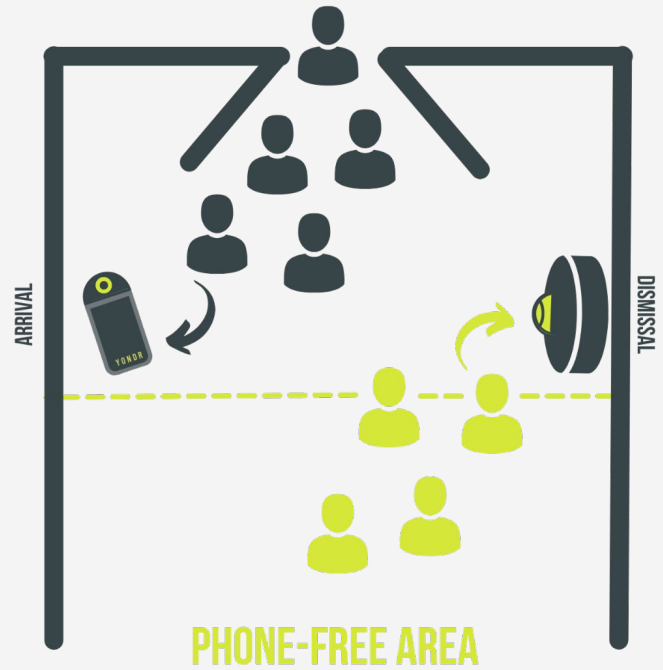
UNLOCK

Tap green ring to magnet and press button to unlock.





SCHOOL ENTRANCE / EXIT



DAILY PROCESS



ONE-TO-ONE ASSIGNMENT

Each student receives a Yondr pouch that is assigned to them for the school year. Printed ID cards or student ID badges can be placed in the velcro-sealed window. Pouches will also be numbered.







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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



PROCEDURES

WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT FORGETS THEIR POUCH?

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If a student forgets their pouch, they must come to the B-wing office to have their phones stored there for the school day. The phone will be returned to the student at dismissal.

If a student consistently forgets their pouch, it will be considered lost. Parents/guardians will be notified, and a replacement pouch will be provided at the student's expense (\$18).



PROCEDURES

WHAT IF THE POUCH IS DAMAGED, LOST, OR STOLEN?

YONDR

If a student damages or loses their pouch, school staff will collect the phone/pouch and send it to the B-wing office for the remainder of the school day. The student will be assessed an \$18 replacement fee.



PROCEDURES

**WHAT HAPPENS IF A
STUDENT UNLOCKS THEIR
POUCH WITHOUT PERMISSION,
DAMAGES IT, OR USES AN
ALTERNATE PHONE?**

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Students will be subject to disciplinary action, including confiscation, detention, and temporary loss of phone possession privileges.

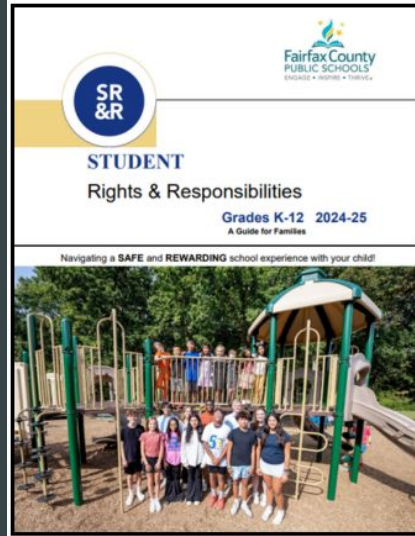


FCPS PILOT SCHOOLS POLICY

PILOT POLICY

FCPS SR&R

- DAILY PROCESS
- PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE CHART
- DAMAGED OR LOST POUCH PROCEDURES



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Pilot Cell Phone Violations	Staff Response	Discipline
First Violation	The phone is confiscated and given to the front office/subschool office. The student can pick up their phone at the end of the school day. A parent/guardian is notified.	The student receives a warning and the violation is logged in SIS.
Second Violation	The phone is confiscated and given to the front office/subschool office. The student can pick up their phone at the end of the school day. A parent/guardian is notified.	The student receives detention and the violation is logged in SIS.
Third Violation	The phone is confiscated and given to the front office/subschool office. A parent/guardian is notified. A parent/guardian or designee must pick up the phone. The phone will not be released to the student.	The student receives detention and a parent/guardian conference is held. The violation is logged in SIS.
Fourth Violation and Beyond	The phone is confiscated and given to the front office/subschool office. A parent/guardian is notified. A parent/guardian or designee must pick up the phone. The phone will not be released to the student.	Phone privileges at school are lost for 20 school days and the violation is logged in SIS. For each of these 20 days, the student will report to the front office at the beginning of each day to turn over their phone until the end of the day.



PROCEDURES

**WHAT IF THERE IS AN
EMERGENCY AT THE SCHOOL?**

**HOW WILL STUDENTS BE ABLE
TO CONTACT FAMILIES IF THERE
IS A LOCKDOWN SITUATION?**

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Our students and staff regularly practice lockdown drills and are directed to follow our emergency response plans. Every classroom is equipped with a phone intercom in case of emergency. All schools have an extensive intrusion alarm system, which is monitored 24/7. School staff (including School Resource Officers) will not be required to pouch their cell phones. Students cannot be on their phones during emergencies per FCPS safety protocols.

If a student needs to reach a parent, or a parent needs to reach a student, during the school day, we will facilitate that call through a classroom or office phone.



THANK YOU

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<https://www.fcps.edu/cell-phone-storage>