



# Wireless Communication Device Policy and Procedure

The use of cell phones and other wireless communication devices can be detrimental to the well-being of students and the academic climate of classrooms. These devices can disrupt the learning environment and take valuable time away from instruction.

Per I.C. 20-26-5-40.7, Wireless communication devices are portable wireless devices that have the capability to provide voice, messaging or other data communication between two (2) or more parties, including but not limited to cellular phones, tablet and laptop computers and gaming devices. Wireless communication devices may include accessories to such devices, such as smart watches, wireless earphones and Bluetooth devices.

Use of all wireless communication devices during school hours or on school buses is not allowed without FWCS administrative permission, and FWCS will not authorize use of wireless communication devices during instructional time without an approved educational purpose. FWCS is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged wireless communication devices or any other electronic devices students bring to school. Students may use wireless communication devices during emergencies or to manage their health care, and FWCS will not prohibit students from using wireless communication devices if use of the devices are included in their IEPs, IHPs or 504 Plans.

## Yondr Pouches

All secondary students will need to secure any wireless communication devices that they bring to school in a Yondr pouch for the duration of the school day or they will face disciplinary consequences.

- All wireless communication devices must be turned off and placed in a Yondr pouch upon entering school. A student caught with these devices will result in a Code of Conduct violation. Students may use wired headphones with prior approval from administration for instructional purposes.
- Using a wireless communication device as a clock or that it “fell out of my pocket/purse/bag” is not an excuse to have one of these devices turned on or visible.
- A student may receive a special Yondr pouch to access their device during the school day, if use of the device is included in the student’s IEP, IHP or 504 Plan.
- FWCS acknowledges that students may need to use their wireless communication devices for multi-factor authentication. In those instances, students may use their devices.
- Yondr pouches must be kept in the classroom, locker or bookbag when visiting restrooms.
- Students may use wireless communication devices after the school day ends as signaled by the dismissal bell.

Schools will assign each student a personal Yondr pouch, and students will be responsible for maintaining the pouch. For schools with an all-day take home model, students will be responsible for bringing the pouch to school daily. If a student uses a wireless communication device or any of its functions for any reason during school hours, FWCS will impose the following consequences:

<p><b>1st Offense:</b> Device will be confiscated until the end of day when it will be returned to the student, or a school administrator/designee will work with the student to place their device in their Yondr Pouch. School personnel will contact the parent/guardian to notify them of the incident and steps for subsequent violations.</p>
<p><b>2nd Offense:</b> Device will be confiscated until the end of day when it will be returned to the student. School personnel will contact the parent/guardian to notify them of the incident and steps for subsequent violations.</p>
<p><b>3rd Offense:</b> Device will be confiscated and securely stored until parent/guardian pick up. Parent/guardian must pick up the cell phone/electronic device during school hours.</p>

<b>4th Offense:</b> Device will be confiscated and must be stored in the office at the start of the day until the end of the day for the next 5 days.
<b>5th Offense:</b> An intervention plan will be developed for the student, who will be required to check in with an administrator daily based on the plan.
<b>Refusing to Comply:</b> If a student violates this policy and refuses to turn over his/her electronic device, further disciplinary action will follow.
<b>Damage to Pouch:</b> If a pouch has been intentionally damaged, further disciplinary actions will follow.

**Forgotten Pouch:** If a student forgets their pouch, their wireless communication device(s) will be collected. A school administrator will call home to remind the parent/guardian of this policy. The school will return the device(s) to the student at dismissal. If a student forgets their pouch for two consecutive days or more, the pouch is considered lost. Please refer to the FWCS Lost/Damaged Pouch section for additional information.

**Circumventing Policy:** School administrators will work with students and families to develop an intervention to support the student in following the policy when:

- A student begins the school day stating they do not have a wireless communication device, then later in the school day is discovered with a device.
- A student places anything other than their current device in a Yondr pouch.

**Lost/Damaged Pouch:** Yondr pouches are FWCS property. Students are prohibited from damaging a Yondr pouch in any way. Damage could include, but is not limited to, deep scratches on the black globe or green ring; intentional pen marks on the inside of the pouch; bent pin; pin and button not fully recessing because of pin damage.



If a student damages a Yondr pouch, FWCS will impose the following consequences:

<b>1st Offense:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The student's family will be billed \$30 to replace the pouch.</li><li>• The student's family will be called about the damage the student caused and steps for subsequent violations.</li></ul>
<b>2nd Offense:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The student's family will be called about the damage the student caused.</li><li>• The student's family will be billed \$30 to replace the pouch.</li><li>• For 3 days, the student must store their electronic device(s) in the office from the start of the day until the end.</li></ul>

**3rd Offense:**

- The student's family will be called about the damage the student caused.
- The student's family will be billed \$30 to replace the pouch.
- For 5 days, the student will be required to store their electronic device(s) in the office from the start of the day until the end of the day.

**4th Offense:**

- The student's family will be billed \$30 to replace the pouch.
- The student's electronic device(s) will be stored in the office daily from the beginning of the day until the end of the day. The student will follow this procedure until the school, family and student meet to discuss the student's behavior.

**Unapproved Magnet**

Yondr pouches require a specific magnet to unlock. Yondr is the sole provider of this magnet. If FWCS discovers students with a non-Yondr magnet or that students are using such a magnet on pouches, the following consequences will be imposed:

- The student's family will be financially responsible for any damage caused to the devices.
- The student's wireless communication device(s) will be stored in the office daily from the beginning of the day until the end of the day for the rest of the academic quarter.

**Emergencies**

Use of wireless communication devices during certain emergencies can make situations more dangerous. FWCS will use the school's public address (PA) system to communicate with students during emergencies and Crisis Go to communicate with staff. Students must carefully follow the directives of school personnel during emergencies, and FWCS will keep parents and guardians updated via ParentSquare. For family emergencies, parents and guardians should call the school.

A copy of this policy and procedure can be found within the Student and Family Support Guide.