

August 1, 2025

Subject: We're Going Phone-Free with Yondr!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Friendswood Junior High, we are committed to creating a learning environment where every student can thrive—academically, socially, and emotionally. Beginning August 12, 2025, we will launch the [Yondr Phone-Free Schools Program](#)—a proven, bell-to-bell approach that supports student focus, well-being, and connection by removing mobile phone distractions during the school day.

For over a decade, Yondr has helped schools across all 50 states and more than 35 countries build healthier, more engaging school cultures. Their pouch-based program, combined with hands-on guidance and dedicated support, has led to powerful results:

- 86% reported improved safety and student wellness
- 84% saw increased engagement in class
- 68% experienced academic gain
- 44% reduced behavioral referrals

How the Program Works

Each student will be assigned a Yondr pouch—a secure, lockable case for storing personal devices. Students are responsible for bringing their pouch to and from school each day and keeping it in good condition.

- **Upon arrival:** Students power off their phone, AirPods, and smartwatch (or switch to airplane mode), place all devices in the pouch, and lock it upon entry into the Junior High School.
- **During the day:** Students keep the locked pouch in their backpack or locker.
- **At dismissal:** Students unlock pouches at designated stations to retrieve their devices and relock their pouch.

This process is quick, simple, and will be supervised by staff as part of our daily routine.

[Click here to watch our FJH Yondr 101 Video!](#)

Staying Connected

With student safety as our top priority, we will follow our standard safety protocols in the event of an emergency. If you need to reach your child during the school day, please contact our main office at 281-996-6200.

We know change requires partnership, and we're here to support a smooth transition for your family. Cell phone policies will be discussed during 6th Grade Parent Night on August 6 and 7th Grade Parent Night on August 5. Information will also be shared electronically with all grade levels.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to create a focused, present, and positive school environment for every student.

Looking forward to a great year!

Delaney Lyon

Principal

Friendswood Junior High School