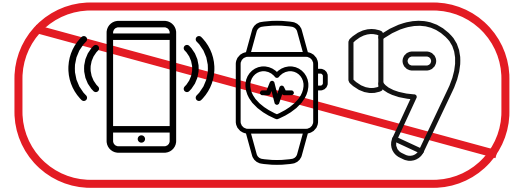




Distraction-Free Learning @ JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Starting September 2025, students may not use personal, internet-connected devices during the school day in line with a new state law.



What's Changing?

Under NYS Education Law §2803, students will not be allowed to use personal devices – such as smartphones, smartwatches, and earbuds during school hours.

- Applies to all students PreK–12
- Includes class time, cafeteria, hallways, recess, and study periods
- Does not apply to school-issued devices used for instruction

Need To Reach Your Child?

We know communication matters. Here's how to stay in touch:

- **Call the school office** directly if you need to reach your child.
- Students may use a school phone to contact parents/guardians when needed.
- During an emergency, access to devices will be provided as safety allows.

School Phone Numbers

Jamestown H.S. - (716) 483-3470
Persell M.S. - (716) 483-4406
Jefferson M.S. - (716) 483-4411
Washington M.S. - (716) 483-4413
Bush Elementary - (716) 483-4401
Fletcher Elementary - (716) 483-4404
Lincoln Elementary - (716) 483-4412
Love Elementary - (716) 483-4405
Ring Elementary - (716) 483-4407

Expectations

Jamestown High School Grades 9-12

Students will turn off and lock phones in **Yondr pouches** upon arrival **for the full school day**. They keep the pouch with them, but it stays locked until the end of the day.

Middle School Jefferson, Persell, Washington; Grades 5-8

Devices must stay **off and in lockers** all day – no use between classes or in cafeteria.

Elementary Schools Pre-K - Grade 4

Students are encouraged to **leave devices at home**. If brought, they must be turned off and stay in lockers or cubbies all day.

More Information

For more information about this policy – including a list of limited exceptions and how to contact your child's school directly – please visit jpsny.org/phonefreeschools.



Further guidance will be provided by your child's school.

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General Consequences

Consequences may vary by age and school level. Please refer to the additional information sheet provided by your child's school. Possible consequences may include:

First Offense:

- Phone or personal device held in the main office until the end of the day
- Device returned to the student after parent contact
- Possible detention or other consequences as determined by the school

Second Offense:

- Any first offense consequence
- A meeting with the principal or assistant principal
- Possible detention or other consequences as determined by the school

Third Offense:

- Any first and second offense consequence
- Student may be required to check in at the main office each morning to turn in their device for the duration of the school day
- Possible detention or additional consequences as determined by the school

Continued violations may result in further disciplinary action as outlined in the District Code of Conduct. Administrators reserve the right to adjust these guidelines on a case-by-case basis.

Limited Exceptions

Students may use personal devices only if approved by school administrators and one of the following applies:

- There is an emergency
- The student has a documented health condition that requires device use
- The student needs language translation tools
- The student has an IEP or 504 Plan that allows for it
- The student is a primary caregiver and device access is approved

If you believe your child qualifies for an exception, contact your building principal to discuss next steps.

Stay Updated

Visit jpsny.org/phonefreeschools to:

- Read the full policy
- Learn mlre about Yondr pouches
- Get answers to frequently asked questions

