



BEAUMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
CELL PHONE PROCEDURE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS
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To promote the best possible learning and social environment in Beaumont ISD, students will not use their cell phones, smart watches, AirPods/earbuds, or other headphone devices etc., during the school day. **Secondary students will be assigned a personal secure Yondr pouch at the beginning of the school year. Students, parents, or guardians are responsible for the student's pouch once they have been issued to the student. Students are expected to bring their secure pouch to school daily and return to school with it in good working condition each day.** At the end of the year a student is expected to turn in their pouch or pay for a replacement. At the end of a student's senior year, before graduation, a student will return their pouch to the campus or pay for it, before being eligible for graduation. This also includes the return of the pouch to the issuing campus at the end of the term of the Eighth grade year. Throughout the year, there will be monthly pouch checks to check for damaged pouches. Damaged pouches will be collected, and a \$30.00 replacement fee will be *offered* assigned to the student. When a student transfers to another Beaumont ISD campus, or when a student withdraws from the district their pouch must be returned to their home campus or pay for it to be replaced.

Student, parent, or guardian responsibilities are as follows. Students and guardians must ensure proper use of and care for the pouch. A pouch is in good condition if it:

1. Has a functional locking mechanism.
2. Is free from tears, holes, or fraying.
3. Is clean and odor-free.
4. Has secure, intact seams.
5. Effectively prevents access to the devices when locked.

Students must return the pouch to the issuing campus at the time of student withdrawal, upon transfer approval to another Beaumont ISD campus, or whichever is applicable. Students must reimburse, at full replacement cost (\$30.00), the issuing campus for any lost, destroyed, or damaged pouch(es) issued to that student.

STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS

Campus staff and administrators will clearly state expectations and reinforce the importance of maintaining a cell phone-free environment at the beginning of each school year and throughout the year. Campus staff and administrators will monitor cell phone violations with

a continued focus on the reduction of educational distractions caused by using cell phones, smart watches, AirPods/earbuds, during the school day.

PROCESS FOR CELL PHONE POUCH USE

Start of school day, students will:

- A. **Unlock their pouch and turn cell phones/devices off**, prior to entering the building.
- B. Place all cell phones, smart watches, AirPods/earbuds, in their secure pouch upon entering the building.
- C. Securely close the pouch with devices inside, using the pouch locking mechanism and store it in their backpack or purse.

During school day, students responsibility:

- A. Keep their cell phone, smart watches, AirPods/earbuds, inside their pouch for the duration of the school day.
- B. **Unlock their pouch** in the designated area if leaving campus for the remainder of the day or an appointment and proceed to exit the building; place their devices back in their secure pouch upon returning to school and securely close it using the pouch locking mechanism; return it to their backpack until the end of the day.
- C. Pouches may be unlocked for field trips at the discretion of campus administration.
- D. Students will not have access to their devices during the school day unless receiving permission from a campus administrator in a designated area.
- E. Students who have been given written permission to rely on their smartphone to help manage a health condition, such as diabetes. These students will be issued a non-locking pouch, and will be able to continue to monitor medical conditions as part of their approved 504 accommodations or individual health plan. All other expectations will be enforced.

End of school day, students responsibility:

- A. Unlock their pouch at designated areas throughout the campus using an unlocking
- B. base.
- C. Remove their cell phone, smart watches, AirPods/earbuds, from their pouch. Students must **lock the pouch to keep the locking device from damage**.
- D. Be responsible to keep up with their pouch for each day and the duration of the assignment of the pouch. Campus Administrators will not investigate lost or stolen pouches or cell phones and similar devices. The campus will not be responsible for the replacement cost of damaged pouches.
- E. It is the students responsibility to **unlock and lock** the pouch as requested and demonstrate that it is functioning correctly and, to protect it from damage so that a replacement/damage fee is not incurred.

- F. Be allowed to use their devices once they leave campus. As a reminder, violations of the student code of conduct are enforceable while on campus, on buses, and at bus stops.

VIOLATIONS

Each of the following violations will result in the student's cell phone, smart watch, AirPods/earbuds, and/or pouch being confiscated by school staff.

- A. Using a phone or device anywhere on campus during school hours without permission from a campus administrator and in a designated area.
- B. Physical damage to the pouch to circumvent its intended purpose (e.g, inappropriate markings, holes, bent pin, stripped lock, etc. A fee (\$30.00) will be administered for damage. If a student has a damaged pouch, they **should NOT bring a phone** to school until a replacement pouch is paid for.
- C. Persistent loss of pouch or forgetting to bring the pouch to school.
- D. Damaging or taking someone else's pouch. A fee (\$30.00) will be administered.
- E. If the pouch is damaged or lost, then the student/parent/guardian will be required to purchase a replacement pouch for the full replacement cost (\$30.00).
- F. The Yondr magnets are created specifically to not damage any cell phone. Unauthorized magnets may damage cell phones. The district will not be responsible for the use of unauthorized magnets causing damage to cell phones. Students caught with unauthorized magnets will face disciplinary action.

CONSEQUENCES

The following chart outlines the progression of consequences for students who violate the cell phone-free environment procedure. Violations include having a cell phone, smart watch, AirPods/earbuds, or any similar device not in the secure pouch, having a device visible during the school day, or found in use.

Consequences include phone, earbuds, smart watches, beats, tablets, smart glasses or other similar devices. ANY phone or communication device brought to school NOT in a yondr pouch will be considered a violation of the policy.

Each campus may designate a specific day and time for phone pick-up.

Damaged Pouch Immediate consequence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent/guardian Contacted• After School Detention• If the pouch must be replaced, the cost will be \$30 to receive a replacement pouch.• Repeated violations of this nature will result in further discipline.• Students should leave their phones at home if they have a damaged pouch.
1st Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phone/Device is confiscated and kept in the front office for the day.• Parent/Guardian contacted.• The device is returned to the STUDENT on <u>the designated pick-up day and time.</u> <p>Refusal to give the cell phone to the office is a discipline referral. (ISS)</p>

2nd Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone/Device is confiscated and kept in the front office. • Parent/Guardian will be contacted to pick up the phone during the designated pick-up day and time. • Student will be assigned to ISS for one day. Refusal to give the cell phone to the office is a discipline referral. (2-day ISS)
3rd Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone/Device is confiscated and kept in the front office. • Parent/Guardian will be contacted to pick up the phone during the designated pick-up day and time. • Student will be assigned to ISS for three days. Refusal to give the cell phone to the office is a discipline referral. (3-day ISS)
4th Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone/Device is confiscated and kept in the front office. • Parent/Guardian will be contacted to pick up the phone during the designated pick-up day and time. • Student will be assigned to CRD for 15 days Refusal to give the cell phone to the office is a discipline referral. (CRD)
5th Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone/Device is confiscated and kept in the front office. • Parent/Guardian will be contacted to pick up the phone during the designated pick-up day and time. • Student will be suspended for 1 day. Refusal to give the cell phone to the office is a discipline referral. (CRD)
6th Offense or any additional number	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone/Device is confiscated and kept in the front office. • Parent/Guardian will be contacted to pick up the phone during the designated pick-up day and time. • Student will be assigned or reassigned to DAEP for 20 days. Refusal to give the cell phone to the office is a discipline referral. (DAEP)

IF a student refuses to go to ISS or CRD, the administrator may write a referral for insubordination and use suspension for a day. When the student returns to school from their suspension, they must still complete their ISS placement day(s).