



ORCHARD STEM SCHOOL CELL PHONE POLICY

Kindergarten to Grade 8

Orchard STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) School uses the [Yondr](#) cell phone storage system to promote a cell phone-free school. Over 1,000 schools, across 21 countries, implement Yondr to facilitate an engaged learning environment. Although we believe in the great utility of cell phones, we also believe that learning and social behavior improve drastically when students fully engage with their teachers and classmates.

The Yondr cell phone storage system uses a simple, secure pouch to store a cell phone. Every student, in kindergarten to grade 8, with a cell phone, will secure it in a personally assigned Yondr pouch upon arrival at school each day. Students will maintain possession of their cell phones and will not use them until we unlock the pouch at the end of the school day. Students must bring their Yondr pouch to and from school each day and maintain responsibility for it at all times. If a student forgets the pouch on any given day, they must use a loner pouch until the end of the school day. If a pouch is broken, tampered with, lost, or stolen, students must turn their phones into the main office.

If a student does not conform to the schoolwide cell phone expectations, the following happens:

- A verbal reminder of cell phone expectations
- Written notification to the student's parent, guardian, or legal custodian by an administrator
- Confiscation of the cell phone until the end of the school day

After three reminders of cell phone expectations, a parent, guardian, or legal custodian must come to the school to retrieve the cell phone.

Yondr recently surveyed over 900 school partners to measure the effects of creating phone-free educational environments. These schools achieved notable progress in multiple areas:

- 65% of schools saw an improvement in academic performance.
- 74% of schools saw an improvement in student behavior.
- 83% of schools saw an improvement in student engagement in the classroom.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly at 216-838-7350.

Thank you for your support!

Take care,

Dr. Moss, principals





As students enter school, they place their phone in their assigned Yondr Pouch.



Students close and secure their Pouch, keeping it on them throughout the day.



When leaving school, students tap their Pouch on a Base to retrieve their phone.

How Yondr Works

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I want to reach my child during the school day?

We want our students to engage in their learning throughout the school day. If you need to contact your child during the school day, contact the main office at 216.838.7350.

What if there is a school emergency?

In case of a school emergency, we direct our students to safety first, following our school emergency preparedness protocol.

Will my child's phone be safe?

Students are responsible for keeping their phones powered completely off (not simply in a "vibrate," "silent," or "airplane" mode) and stored securely in their Yondr pouch and in a bookbag or locker until end of day.

What if the Yondr pouch gets damaged or stolen?

The student must turn their phone into the office until the end of the day.

