



Poteet Junior High Campus

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Poteet Junior High Cell Phone Policy

The Poteet Junior High Campus continues to utilize the Yondr program for compliance with HB 1481 that states: all K-12 public and charter schools must prohibit students from using cell phones and other personal communication devices (such as smartwatches and tablets) during the school day. Students may still possess and carry their cell phones; however, they must be completely turned off or on airplane mode during the academic day and locked in their assigned Yondr Pouch. Students are expected to bring their Yondr Pouch every day.

The “academic school day” is defined as the start of the school day (8:00 am) and throughout the day until the school day is over (4:15 pm). Students are permitted to use cell phones only during the following times: before 8:00 am and after school hours 4:15 pm and at after-school or sports activities, only with the permission of the coach, instructor, or program director.

The purpose is to ensure that disruptions and interference of the instructional academic climate of the school does not occur. Text messages and photo transmissions are covered by the district policy.

Students who violate this policy shall face disciplinary action by the administration including confiscation of the cell phone or other type of electronic device as follows:

If school personnel hear or see any cell phones or other electronic devices as defined above being used by a student, the following disciplinary actions will be taken:

CONSEQUENCES FOR POLICY VIOLATION

1st Offense	• Discussion, Parent pick up
2nd Offense	• 1 Day of ISS, Parent pick up
3rd Offense	• 2 Days of ISS, Parent pick up, Loss of extracurricular activities during placement
4th Offense	• 3 Days of ISS, Loss of privilege to possess cell phone on campus (10 day minimum), NO extracurricular activities during placement
5th Offense	• DAEP Hearing
Damaged Pouch	• Parent or Guardian to be notified • May be required to pay for replacement pouch (\$30) • Student may be subject to additional disciplinary action including but not limited to: ○ Before/After school detention ○ Saturday school ○ In School Suspension (ISS) ○ DAEP

Use of cell phones or other types of electronic devices to take pictures is not permitted on school property without the expressed consent of the administration and the expressed consent of the individual whose photo, picture, or electronic image is taken.

Loaner Pouches

Loaner pouches may be available for student use if a student has forgotten their pouch at home. A loaner pouch may be checked out for the school day by contacting an administrator. If a student checks out a loaner pouch for 3 consecutive days, lunch detention will be assigned and the student may be required to pay the lost pouch fee of \$30 for a replacement pouch. Loaner pouches must be returned at the end of the school day. Students failing to return loaner pouches will be assigned lunch detention.

Violations

Each of the following violations will result in the student's phone and/or pouch being confiscated by school staff and will follow the consequences shown in the chart above.

1. If a student's phone is visible at all during the day (a student is found using their phone, a phone is not in a Yondr Pouch, etc.)
2. Physical damage to the pouch in an attempt to circumvent its intended purpose. (Ex. Inappropriate markings, holes, bent pin, stripped lock, etc.)
3. Damaging or taking someone else's pouch.
4. Using a phone anywhere on school grounds during school hours.

Process for Pouch Use

Start of School Day:

- 1) Prior to 8:00 am, turn off your phone or place it in airplane mode or SILENT (NOT vibrate), airpods/earbuds, and smart watch.
- 2) Unlock your empty Yondr Pouch using an unlocking base.
- 3) Place your phone, airpods/earbuds, and smart watch inside the pouch, securely close it, and store it in your backpack.
- 4) This process may take a few minutes. **You are responsible for getting to class on time with a secured pouch.**
- 5) If you forgot your pouch, report to an administrator for a Loaner Pouch.

During the School Day:

- 1) Keep your phone, airpods/earbuds, and smart watch inside your Yondr Pouch for the duration of the school day.
- 2) If you leave school grounds for an appointment, unlock your pouch at the office upon leaving and lock it at the office upon re-entry.
- 3) If you arrive at school late, report to the office to have your device locked up in the pouch before proceeding to class.
- 4) You may not access your phone during the school day anywhere on school grounds unless you are leaving school grounds.

End of School Day:

- 1) When the school day ends, unlock your pouch using the unlocking base.
- 2) Remove your phone from your pouch.
- 3) Securely close your empty pouch so the pin does not get bent and place it in your backpack for the next day.
- 4) Students are free to use their phones on school grounds after school ends at 4:15 pm **UNLESS** you are required to attend after-school detention or make-up hours.

YONDR EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

We want our students to be engaged in their learning. Students are in possession of their phone, in their Yondr Pouch, for the entire school day. We will advise students to store the pouch in their backpacks where it is completely safe.

In case of an emergency at home, parents or guardians can contact their student during the school day by calling the Front Office at 830-742-3571.

In case of a school emergency (i.e., Perimeter Lockdown), we direct our students to safety first, following our school emergency protocol. All parents will receive notifications through our district website and district Facebook page.

In case of a medical emergency, we have a school nurse on site. Parents and/or Guardians of students who experience a medical emergency are notified by the school nurse and/or an Administrator.