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STUDENT PHONE POLICY & CONTRACT

New York State has implemented a "bell-to-bell" cellphone ban in all public schools. This means students will not be allowed to use internet-enabled devices (including smartphones and smartwatches) during the school day, from the time they enter the building until they leave. The ban aims to create a distraction-free learning environment and address concerns about student mental health.

Every student is assigned a personal Yondr Pouch. While the Yondr Pouch is considered school property, it is each student's responsibility to bring their Pouch with them to school every day and keep it in good working condition.

DAILY PROCESS

As students **Arrive to School**, they will:

- 1) Turn their phone off or put the phone in Airplane Mode.
- 2) Place their phone inside their Pouch and secure it in front of school staff.
- 3) Store their Pouch in their backpack for the day.

At the end of the day, students will open their Pouch, remove their phone, relock their Pouch and put their Pouch in their backpack. Students must bring their Pouch to school with them each day.

*Students arriving late (after 9:45 am) or leaving early will pouch/unpouch their phones in the **Main Office**

VIOLATIONS

Pouch Damage/Using Phone During School

- If a student does not bring their Pouch to school the student will **turn in their phone during morning entry, the phone will be placed in a labeled Ziplock bag**, and the student will retrieve their phone at the end of the day from the designated Phone Retrieval Area.
- If a student damages their Pouch or refuses to pouch the student will **turn in their phone during morning entry, the phone will be placed in a labeled Ziplock bag, a parent will need to pick it up in person** and the student will have to serve afterschool detention.
- If this continues to happen, the phone will continue to be collected, a parent will need to pick it up in person and the student will be subject to progressive discipline in accordance with the New York City Department of Education Discipline Code.
- If a student damages their pouch, they will need to pay damage fee of \$25.50 to replace the pouch or be required to turn in their phone daily and retrieve it at the end of the day from the designated Phone Retrieval Area.
- If a student refuses to use a pouch or turn over a device disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with the New York City Department of Education Discipline Code.



Examples of damage:

- Deep scratches on the globe and on the green ring around it
- Intentional pen marks on the inside of the Pouch
- Bent pins
- Pin and button not fully recessing, due to pin damage
- Cuts to the pouch fabric

CONTRACT:

- I have read and understand Roy H. Mann's cell phone policy and the procedures for using the YONDR pouch.
- I understand that I am responsible for bringing my Yondr Pouch to school everyday
- I understand that it is my responsibility to place my phone in my Yondr pouch at the beginning of every day
- I understand that it is my responsibility at the end of the day to open the Yondr Pouch, remove the phone, relock my Yondr Pouch and place it in my backpack for the next day
- I understand that if I arrive late to school (after 9:45 am) or leave early, I will report to the **Main Office to pouch or unpouch my phone**
- I understand that if I damage my Yondr pouch I will have to pay a replacement fee of \$25.50 or I will be required to turn in my phone daily and retrieve it at the end of the day.
- I understand the New York City Department of Education Discipline Code violations policy if I try to hide my phone, or I don't use a Yondr Pouch.

Student Name (print): _____

Student Class: _____

Student Signature: _____

Guardian Signature: _____