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Electronic Device Policy Contract | 2025–2026

Student and Parent/Guardian Agreement

Innovation Diploma Plus High School (IDP) is implementing a revised electronic device policy effective **September 4, 2025**, in full compliance with New York State law prohibiting students from carrying personal electronic devices—including cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, headphones, and personal laptops—inside the school building during the instructional day. The instructional day includes all periods between student entry and dismissal and transitions between classes.

To comply with this law while supporting student responsibility, **all students are required to check in at entry, receive an assigned school-issued Yondr pouch, and place their cell phones inside the pouch for locking by a staff member.**

Yondr Pouch Use Requirement

- Upon arrival, students must **check in at the designated entry point**, receive their assigned **Yondr pouch**, and place their **cell phone** inside.
- A staff member will lock the pouch; students may not open or remove the device until dismissal.
- **Only cell phones** will be placed in Yondr pouches. All other personal devices—**smartwatches, headphones, earbuds, tablets, and personal laptops**—must be stored out of sight in students' backpacks or lockers and may not be used during the school day.
- Students will continue to have access to **school-issued laptops and devices** for instructional use as needed.
- Any tampering with, damaging, or attempting to bypass the Yondr pouch will result in disciplinary consequences and possible revocation of device privileges.



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- Individualized accommodations may be considered on a case-by-case basis for students with IEPs or 504 Plans in accordance with their documented needs.

Prohibited Device Use

- Students may not use or carry any **personal electronic device** during the school day.
- **Headphones, earbuds, and smartwatches** may be worn **during the commute to and from school**, but must be removed and stored away **before entering the building**. These items may not be worn, visible, or used at any time inside the school.
- Any personal device that is seen or used during the school day will be confiscated.
- Violations will result in:
 - **First offense:** Device is confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day.
 - **Second offense:** Student will be assigned a *Restorative Detention* focused on repairing trust and reviewing the policy.
 - **Third offense:** A parent/guardian conference will be scheduled. The device may be returned at the end of the day or held until the conference, at the discretion of school administration based on student behavior and safety.
 - **Subsequent offenses:** Loss of device privileges for the remainder of the trimester and possible further disciplinary action.

 **Legal Compliance Note:** Students will not be suspended solely for violating the electronic device policy. However, behaviors such as bypassing scanning, refusing staff directives, or threatening staff may result in disciplinary action, including suspension, under the NYCPS Citywide Discipline Code. Repeated policy violations may result in loss of the privilege to bring devices into the building.

Emergency Communication

- Students needing to contact a parent or guardian during the day may request use of a school phone in the main office.
- Parents or guardians needing to contact their child during the school day should call the school directly. Our staff will assist in relaying the message or bringing the student to the main office if needed.
- **Family Communication Directory:** To ensure efficient communication during the school day, families may reach out to the following staff:



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Name	Role	Phone Extension	Email
Ms. Ashley Martinez	Parent Coordinator	212-724-2039 x4295	ashley.martinez@innovationdp.org
Mr. Darrell Wilson	Community Coordinator	212-724-2039 x4043	darrell.wilson@innovationdp.org
Ms. Jennifer Quinones	Community Associate	212-724-2039 x4296	jennifer.quinones@innovationdp.org
Ms. Ashley Dominguez	Secretary	212-724-2039 x4297	ashley.dominguez@innovationdp.org
Mr. Dickson Polanco	Attendance Teacher	212-724-2039 x4298	dickson.polanco@innovationdp.org

Liability and Responsibility

- Because cell phones remain physically with students inside locked Yondr pouches, **Innovation Diploma Plus and NYC Department of Education are not liable for lost, stolen, or damaged personal devices** stored this way.
- Students and families accept full responsibility for the care of their devices.
- The school is not responsible for damage caused by tampering with the pouch or improper handling.
- All other personal electronic devices (e.g., headphones, smartwatches) that are not placed in a Yondr pouch must remain secured in student backpacks and are brought to school at the student's own risk.

Rollout Timeline

- Students will receive information and contracts during the first week of school (beginning **September 4, 2025**).
- Policy education and pouch assignments will occur during that week.
- **Full enforcement of the policy begins on Monday, September 8, 2025.**

Acknowledgment & Agreement

By signing below, students and parents/guardians acknowledge they have read, understood, and agree to comply with the IDP Electronic Device Policy for the 2025–2026 school year, including the mandatory use of Yondr pouches and related terms. For questions or concerns about this policy or its implementation, please contact Principal Storch or Assistant Principal Fischer.



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Student Name (Print): _____
Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
