

PS/MS 20
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As an effort to maximize focus on your child's education, we are a cell phone-free environment. It is proven that cell phone usage amongst students takes away from their education, disrupts instruction, and can lead to negative social media usage. PSMS 20 will be distributing YONDR pouches to every student to safely hold and store their cell phones throughout the school day. It is the expectation that every student opens their pouch and stores their cell phones each morning before entering the school building. Upon dismissal, students will reopen their pouches and access their phones.

Parents, we are asking for your complete support to collaborate with us to keep your child safe and focused throughout the school day. If you ever need to contact your child you can call the main office and we will be happy to put you in direct contact with your child. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this policy further please schedule an appointment with any our Dean of Students by contacting the school. Thank you for your continued support.

Expectations:

1. Students will receive a free YONDR pouch and label it.
2. Students will unlock their YONDR pouch, place their cell phone inside, lock the pouch, and hold it throughout the school day.
3. Students will unlock their YONDR pouch before dismissal.

Ladder of Referral Yondr Cell Phone Policy

1. Verbal warning: Phone goes in pouch.
2. Phone call home.
3. Lunch detention.
4. Exclusion from celebrations.
5. In school suspension.

Damaged Phones:

1. Phone call home: New pouch is given.
2. New pouch is damaged: Phone call home, phone confiscated and in school suspension.