



ROBERT H. JAMISON LEADERSHIP ACADEMY STUDENT PHONE POLICY & GUIDELINES

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CMSD's board policy states, "To maintain a secure and orderly learning environment, students who choose to bring a personal cellphone or electronic device to school will have their phone/device subject to collection and/or storage during the student school day." This policy follows **Ohio House Bill 250**, which requires the minimization of cell phone use in schools.

Phones are not to be used during school. While the Yondr Pouch is considered school property, it is each student's responsibility to keep the Pouch in good working condition while in their possession.

DAILY PROCESS

Morning Entry (Main Entrance)

As students **Enter the Building**, they will:

- 1) Turn their phone off.
- 2) Place their phone and smartwatch/earbuds inside their Pouch and secure it in front of school staff.
- 3) Store their Pouch in their backpack for the day.

Dismissal

At the end of the day, students will open their Pouch, remove their phone, and return Yondr pouch to the storage bin.

Unlock Stations (supervised by designated staff)

- **Main Entrance (1st floor)**
- **Top of Middle Stairwell (2nd Floor)**

*Students arriving late or leaving early will pouch/unpouch their phones in the Main Office.

VIOLATIONS

Using Phone During School

If a student is caught on their phone:

- **1st Offense – Parent Notification**
- **2nd Offense - Phone Collected & Call Home. Phone Returned End of Day or Held for Parent Pickup**
- **3rd Offense or Repeated Offenses – Level 2Q offense, which may warrant a suspension.**



Damage To Yondr Pouch

If a student damages their pouch, this is considered a level 3 infraction, specifically 3K - Damaging or attempting to damage property, and warrants a suspension.

Note: Damage consists of any signs that the physical integrity of the pouch has been compromised, whether intentional or unintentional, as determined by the school or Yondr staff.

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

Responsibility/Liability

Any student who chooses to bring a cellular phone or other electronic device to school shall do so at their and their family's own risk. The District and its employees will assume no responsibility or liability for loss, theft, damage or vandalism to a cellular phone or other electronic device brought onto school transportation or property, even during times the phone or device are subject to the collection or storage process of the District. To this end, families are not required to send any personal cell phone or electronic device to school with their student and are encouraged to carefully evaluate all associated risks and benefits when deciding whether to send a cell phone or electronic device to school with a student.