

Our Yondr Cell Phone Program is scheduled to launch on October 21, 2019



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Dear Parents/Guardians of Frankford High School Students,

We are writing to share the exciting news that we are partnering with Yondr to make our school a phone-free space.

We understand that cell phones have great utility, but cell phone use has increasingly become a source of distraction, antisocial behavior and conflict both at home and at school.

Frankford High School believes in maintaining a safe and effective educational environment for all of its students. Research shows that the mere presence of cellphones in the classroom can be detrimental to student performance. According to a survey and report from Common Sense Media that involved 1,240 interviews with parents and their 12 to 18-year-old children, 50% of teens feel attached to their mobile devices, and 59% of their parents agree that their kids have a problem putting their devices down (U.S. News & World Report).

Yondr is currently used across the world in hundreds of classrooms and schools, at concerts, comedy shows, weddings and special events of all kinds. The goal of these spaces is to encourage people to engage with each other and their surroundings.

The Yondr program employs a simple, easy-to-use case that stores a cell phone and requires an unlocking base to open. When students arrive to school, they will place their phone in a Yondr case, which is then locked. Students maintain possession of their phones but will not be able to use them until they are unlocked at the end of the day.

We believe this will allow our students to be:

- Engaged in classroom activities and assignments
- Less dependent on electronics to do classwork
- Less likely to engage in conversations around bullying
- Less likely to be distracted and procrastinate on assignments in class

In an effort to best serve your child, we will need your full support in adoption of the Yondr program at our school. We want to assure our families that you can reach your student at the main office at 215-400-7200 in case of an emergency.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment for our students. We will be discussing this more at our upcoming Back to School Night meeting on **Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 5PM in the Auditorium.**

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael J. Calderone, Principal



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HOW IT WORKS



CASE

As students enter the phone-free space, phones will be placed in a Yondr case.



LOCK

Once inside, the case will lock. Students keep their phones throughout the day.



UNLOCK

To unlock the case, tap it on any teacher or administrator's unlocking base.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I want to reach my student during the school day?

We want our students to be engaged in their learning. Please refrain from contacting your student during the school day unless it is an emergency. Please contact the main office at 215-400-7200 to reach your student.

What if there is an emergency?

In case of an emergency, we direct our students to safety first. School staff will be able to unlock a Yondr case in a matter of seconds for students once they are in a safe and secure location.

Will my student's phone be safe?

Yes, because students are in possession of their phone in the Yondr case and should keep the case stored away in their backpacks.

What if the case gets damaged?

If a student damages or loses their Yondr case, they will be required to submit their phone to a school administrator immediately. The student's parent or guardian will have to retrieve the phone from Frankford High School during school hours. The Yondr case is the property of Frankford High School. Any damage to or loss of school property will result in a replacement charge of \$20.