ELECTRONIC DEVICES & YONDR POLICY

To ensure a safe, focused, and respectful learning environment, our school has implemented the YONDR Program. This program limits access to personal electronic devices during the school day and supports students in staying engaged with learning and in-person interaction.

What Is YONDR?

YONDR is a secure pouch system designed to restrict cell phone and electronic device use while students are on school grounds. All students are issued a personal YONDR case for use throughout the school year, regardless of whether they own a device.

Devices Covered by This Policy

Cell phones, Smartwatches, Headphones/AirPods, iPods/MP3 players, Any other personal electronic device not used for instructional purposes

Morning Procedure

- Before entering the building, all students must present their YONDR pouch and electronic device (if they have one) to a designated staff member.
- The device must be powered off and securely locked in the YONDR pouch on arrival.
- Students must carry their locked pouch with them throughout the school day.
- Students who do not have a personal device will still receive a YONDR pouch, which should be stored in their locker during the day.

Dismissal Procedure

- YONDR pouches are unlocked by staff at the end of the school day.
- Devices may not be turned on or used until the student is off school property and out of sight of the school building.

Usage Rules and Expectations

- Devices must remain off and locked in the YONDR case at all times while students are on school grounds.
- Devices may not be removed, accessed, or used during school hours or on campus.
- Tampering with or attempting to open the YONDR case without staff permission is strictly prohibited.
- Parents and guardians should not contact students directly during the school day. All communication should go through the main office.
- Students may use the office phone before or after school to contact parents/guardians as only in emergency cases.

Violations and Consequences

Failure to comply with this policy will result in disciplinary action:

- First Violation – Device is confiscated and held in the Dean's Office. A parent/guardian must retrieve it during school hours.
- Second Violation – Additional disciplinary action, including detention or behavior contracts.
- Repeated Violations – May result in escalating consequences, including out-of-school suspension.
- Refusal to lock a device, hand over a device, or comply with staff directives will result in immediate out-of-school suspension and further administrative actions.

Lost or Damaged YONDR Cases

- Each student is responsible for the care of their assigned YONDR pouch.
- If a case is lost or damaged, a $15 replacement fee will be charged.

This policy is consistent with NJ Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.1) and aligns with guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education. It is designed to support student success, safety, and well-being in a distraction-free learning environment