



Isaiah T. Creswell Middle Magnet School of the Visual and Performing Arts Cell Phone, Smartwatch and Electronic Device Policy 2023-2024

For purposes of this document an electronic device (device) is defined as: any device that can capture images, store information, or communicate with someone outside or inside the school environment, **including but not limited** to cell phones, personal tablet, smartwatches, Bluetooth headphones, earbuds, and AirPods. This policy excludes MNPS Laptops and tablets.

Any electronic device(s) in the possession of a student must be placed in their Yondr Pouch and locked before the start of school at 7:30 A.M. The device(s) must be turned off and is to remain off and in the Yondr Pouch for the entire school day. Students are permitted to use their electronic device(s) after they are dismissed at 3:15 P.M. Electronic devices may not be used during Morning/After School Tutoring or After School Detention. If a student does not have a Yondr Pouch they may get one from the office, leave their device in the main office or their electronic device needs stay at home.

Parents, if you need to contact your child, we ask that you call the main office at 615-291-6515. We are more than happy to relay your message to your child. Because your child is immersed in a structured learning environment from 7:30 A.M.-3:15 P.M., we ask that parents, guardians, and others refrain from attempting to contact your child during regular school hours on any electronic device.

Students found in violation of the policy will be asked to forfeit their electronic device. The electronic device will be labeled, placed in a baggie, and locked in the office until a parent comes to retrieve the device. Beginning with a student's second offense, they could be disqualified from the monthly incentive. ***The student will receive an office referral for violating Code 203 in the 2023-2024 MNPS Student Handbook; Electronic Devices: Improper Use of Cell Phone, smartwatch, Internet, or Electronic Devices.***

Any student who refuses to forfeit their device will be faced with further disciplinary action. Multiple violations of this policy could lead to disciplinary action up to expulsion from school.

Since students will not be allowed to call home regarding confiscated items, the earliest that these items can be picked up by a parent promptly after dismissal. The office will not wait for parents to pick up phones.

The use of electronic devices at school is frequently the source of distractions, bullying, threats, fights, and theft. Apps such as Instagram, Snapchat, Kik, and other similar sites are often used by teens to participate in such behavior. Please have regular conversations with your child and monitor their access to electronic devices, apps, and internet.

Daily Procedures:

When students arrive to school, they will:

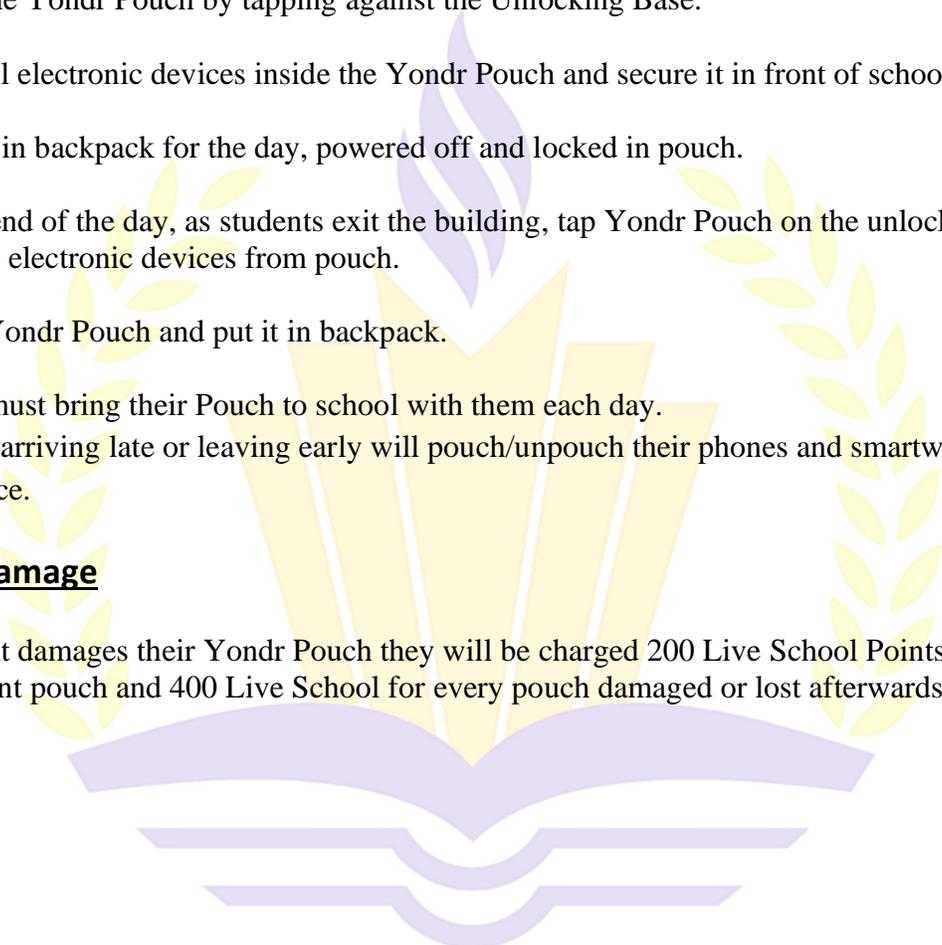
- 1) Turn *all* electronic devices off.
- 2) Open the Yondr Pouch by tapping against the Unlocking Base.
- 3) Place all electronic devices inside the Yondr Pouch and secure it in front of school staff.
- 4) Store it in backpack for the day, powered off and locked in pouch.
- 5) At the end of the day, as students exit the building, tap Yondr Pouch on the unlocking base and remove electronic devices from pouch.
- 6) Close Yondr Pouch and put it in backpack.

Students must bring their Pouch to school with them each day.

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

Pouch Damage

If a student damages their Yondr Pouch they will be charged 200 Live School Points for the first replacement pouch and 400 Live School for every pouch damaged or lost afterwards.

The logo features a stylized purple and yellow emblem with a laurel wreath. Below the emblem, the school's name is written in purple text.

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