



# PAIDEIA ACADEMIES INC.

## Student Cell Phone Policy

### Paideia Liberal Arts Academy

### 2024-2025

## Student Cell Phone Policy and Guidelines

**Scholar cell phones and other cellular devices to include smart watches are prohibited on Paideia campuses because they are distractions to the learning environment.** We understand that some scholars need a cell phone during their journey home at the end of the day. The following Student Phone Policy & Guidelines are intended to provide school focus and an after-school sense of safety for parents. **Cell phones and other personal items that are broken or stolen are not the responsibility of the school.**

**Student Cell Phones are not to be used during school hours or during after-school club time.** Every student is assigned a personal Yondr Pouch. While the Yondr Pouch is considered school property, it is each student's responsibility to bring their Pouch with them to school every day and keep it in good working condition.

### DAILY PROCESS

Students must bring their Pouch with them to school every day. Every time a student **Arrives to or Re-enters the School**, they will:

1. Before entering the front main doors:
  - a. Turn their phone off.
  - b. Place their phone inside their Pouch and secure it in front of school staff.
  - c. Store their Pouch in their backpack for the day.
2. Phone must remain off and pouched while on campus.



As the students **Leave School Campus**, they will:

1. Walk to the designated exit point –
  - a. Early pickup – walk to main lobby reception desk.
  - b. Walkers and bussers – walk to the east main gate.
  - c. Parent pickup – walk to the front main doors when name is called.
2. When exiting the designated exit point on campus - remove their pouch from the backpack.
3. Tap the pouch on the magnetic release device, open the pouch and remove the phone.
4. Close the pouch and store in backpack for the following arrival day.
5. If student re-enters the campus, must follow the arrival instructions and re-pouch the phone.

\*Students arriving late or leaving early or re-entering the campus will pouch/unpouch their phones at the reception desk.

## VIOLATIONS

### Pouch Damage / Lost Pouch / Using Phone During School

- If a student violates the cellphone policy or damages their Pouch, Administration will collect the phone/Pouch and call home for a Code of Conduct Violation.
- Cell Phone Violation – Confiscated cell phones will be placed in the school safe and only be released to a parent/guardian – No Exceptions. Student will receive 15 Demerit Points.
- Pouch Vandalism – Damage of Yondr Pouch requires \$30 replacement fee. Student will receive 15 Demerit Points.
- Pouch Lost – Student will pay \$30 replacement fee.

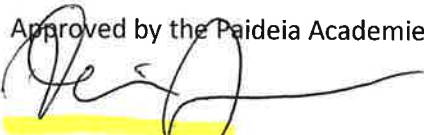
### Examples of damage:

- 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

### Forgotten Pouch

- If a student forgets their Pouch, **the phone will be collected and placed in the front office safe and Admin will call home to remind the Parent of the policy.**
- The phone will be returned to the student at dismissal.
- If a student consistently forgets their Pouch, it is considered Lost. **Refer to the Lost Pouch policy above.**

Approved by the Paideia Academies Inc corporate board at its public meeting held on July 8, 2024.



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