



Dear Families,

**We will be making our school a phone-free space to improve teaching and learning** using a system called [Yondr](#). Yondr has been implemented in over 1,000 schools across 21 countries to facilitate an engaged learning environment.

We believe that phones have great utility. We have also found that learning and social behavior improve drastically when students are fully engaged with their teachers and classmates.

**The Yondr Program utilizes a simple, secure pouch that stores a phone.** Every student will secure their phone in a personally assigned Yondr pouch when they arrive at school. Students will maintain possession of their phones and will not use them until their pouches are opened at the end of the school day. Students are responsible for their pouch at all times.

Yondr recently surveyed over 900 school partners to measure the effects of creating phone-free educational environments. These schools achieved notable progress in multiple areas:

- **65% of schools saw an improvement in academic performance**
- **74% of schools saw an improvement in student behavior**
- **83% of schools saw an improvement in student engagement in the classroom**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly at Timothy L Johnson Academies or attend one of our upcoming meetings about the adoption of Yondr coming Fall 2023.

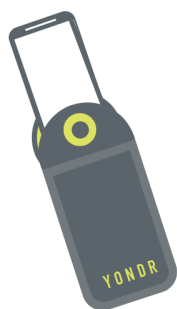
If there is an emergency and you would like to get in contact with your child during the school day, please contact the school offices: Sereta Hopson (TLJAMS) at (260) 543-4077 or Gretchen Oberley (TLJA) at (260) 441-8727

To best serve your child, we appreciate your full support in adoption of the Yondr Program at our school.

Thank you,  
Leadership Team at TLJ Academies



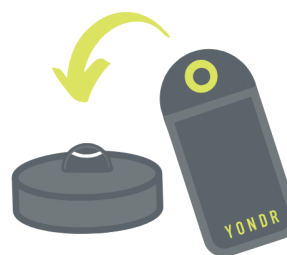
## How Yondr Works



As students enter school, they place their phone in their assigned Yondr Pouch.



Students close and secure their Pouch, keeping it on them throughout the day.



When leaving school, students tap their Pouch on a Base to retrieve their phone.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What if I want to reach my child during the school day?**

We want our students to be engaged in their learning. If you need to contact your child during the school day, contact the main office at (260) 543-4077 or (260) 441-8727

### **What if there is a school emergency?**

In case of a school emergency, we direct our students to safety first, following our school emergency preparedness protocol. [Available in our Student – Parent Handbook]

### **Will my student's phone be safe?**

Students are in possession of their phone - in their Yondr pouch - for the entire school day. We will advise students to store the pouch in their backpacks where it is completely safe.

### **What if the Yondr pouch gets damaged or a student is caught on their phone?**

The Yondr pouch is property of Timothy L Johnson Academies. If a student damages their Pouch or is caught on their phone, Administration will collect the phone/Pouch and call home for a Parent Pickup AND/OR 25\$ fee for a replacement Pouch. No exception will be made!

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.

