



Vista Grande High School

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Vista Grande High School Cell Phone Policy

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure a focused and respectful learning environment at Vista Grande by regulating the use of cell phones during the school day. The policy aims to reduce distractions and maintain a safe and orderly school environment.

1. General Guidelines

- **Yondering Requirement:** All students must “Yonder” (store and secure) their cell phones at the **beginning of the school day** in a Yonder pouch. Phones will remain **yondered** until the **end of the school day**, at which time students may **un-yonder** (retrieve) their devices.

2. Yondering and Un-Yondering

- **Yondering Process:** At the start of the school day, students will place their phones in Yonder pouches provided by the school. These pouches will be locked by the teacher, and students will not be able to access their phones until the end of the day.
- **Un-Yondering Process:** At the end of the school day, students will be able to unlock and retrieve their phones in a designated area. Phones should only be used once the student has exited the building, or once they are outside the vicinity of any school-related activity.

3. Consequences for Violation of the Policy

The following steps will be taken if a student is found using a phone during the school day or violates the Yondering process:

- **First Offense:** The phone will be **confiscated** by a staff member, and the student’s **parent/guardian** will be required to come to the school to **pick up the phone**. The student will receive a Phoenix Reset Zone Referral as well.
- **Second Offense:** The student will face **1-day suspension** from school. This suspension will be considered an opportunity for the student to reflect on the importance of respecting school policies, the learning environment and how it connects to our school-wide behavioral policy.
- **Third Offense:** The student will face **more severe consequences**, which may include a longer suspension. Additional disciplinary actions will also include a behavior contract, a meeting with the student’s parents/guardians and a review of the student’s enrollment at the school. We want students to engage in classroom content and also adhere to VGHS school expectations.
- **Emergency Situations:** If a student has a medical or other urgent need the student may use the office phone or the phone that is in the cafeteria. Families are **always** able to contact the school to communicate with their student.
- **Lost or Damaged:** A \$35 charge will occur if the Yonder is lost or damaged.

4. Acknowledgment of Policy

By remaining enrolled at Vista Grande, students and their parents/guardians agree to adhere to the cell phone policy as outlined above. Any changes to this policy will be communicated through the school’s official channels.

Effective Date: 12/16/24

Approved by: Jim Smith