



Scarborough Model Middle School

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Principal Rashad B. Stallworth

“Where Learning and Innovation Are a Way of Life”

Dear Parents,

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 2,000 schools across 21 countries to facilitate an engaged learning environment. Research has shown 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, smartwatch, and airpods/earbuds. Every student will secure their devices in a personally assigned Yondr pouch when they arrive at school. Students will maintain possession of their pouch and devices and will not use them until their pouches are opened at the end of the school day. Students are required to bring their Yondr pouch to and from school each day and are responsible for their pouch at all times.

We received responses to our annual surveys from over 1,200 school partners, and after implementing the Yondr Education Program:

- **84% saw a change in student engagement**
- **72% saw a positive change in student behavior**
- **68% saw a positive change in academic performance**

Of our most recent impact survey of over 370 of our school partners:

- **86% saw a positive impact in student safety and wellness**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly at 251-221-2223, or email one of the administrators: rstallworth@mcpss.com, mncleve@mcpss.com, dmosier@mcpss.com .

If there is an emergency and you would like to get in contact with your child, please reach out to Mrs. Harvey or Mrs. Dale in the office at 251-221-2323. If your child needs to reach you, there is a phone in every classroom.

In an effort to best serve your child, we appreciate your full support in adoption of the Yondr Program at our school.

On the back of this page is a description of how YONDR works.

Thank you,

Rashad Stallworth, Principal



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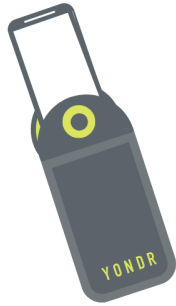
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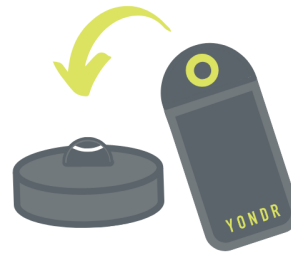
How Yondr Works



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 251-221-2323.

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. Parents will be notified by phone and email via our Schoolmessenger call system.

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 the property of MCPSS & Scarborough Model Middle School. If a student damages their Pouch, the parent is responsible for replacing it. The replacement fee is \$30. If you do not want to pay the fee, the student cannot bring a device to school. If a student is caught with a phone not in their Yondr pouch the consequences are:

- *The Parent will come to the school and pick up their child's phone*
- *AND/OR Consequences will include: In school or Out of School Suspension*

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.