

Dear Parents,

We will be making our school a phone-free space to improve teaching and learning using a program called <u>Yondr</u>. Yondr has been implemented in thousands of schools across 27 countries to facilitate an engaged learning environment.

We believe that phones have great utility. We have also found that learning and student mental health improve drastically when students are fully present with their teachers and classmates.

The Yondr Program utilizes a simple, secure pouch that stores a phone. Every student will secure their phone, ear buds, and smart watch in a personally assigned Yondr pouch when they arrive at school. Students will maintain possession of their devices and will not use them until their pouches are permitted to be 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.

In an annual survey of over 1,200 of schools that implemented the Yondr Program:

- 86% saw a positive impact in student safety and wellness
- 84% saw a positive change in student engagement
- 72% saw a positive change in student behavior
- 68% saw a positive change in academic performance

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly at 251-221-3084.

If there is an emergency and you would like to get in contact with your child, please reach out to our Attendance Clerk, Jaime McCormick at 251-221-3084.

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

Thank you,

Jason Richardson Principal Davidson High School