

Cell Phone Policy YONDR Pouches

There is a new Ohio law that limits the use of cellphones in schools. HB 250 is the new law requiring schools to create a policy that removes the cell phone related distractions and usage in the school setting.

For the 2024-2025 school year, Flex High School will incorporate the use of Yondr pouches for students. The Yondr pouch is a place where students can secure their devices in a locked pouch while in their possession at all times. Pouches can be unlocked by school personnel in case of an emergency or when students are taking a scheduled break.

Here is how it will work:

- ❖ As students arrive at school, they will place their cell phones in a Yondr pouch. The pouch will be locked. *Students will be advised that they should create a lengthy 'playlist' of music as they can still use their headphones while working independently.*
- ❖ For every 45 minutes of focused work, students will have an opportunity to take a break in the lounge area or at their desk for 15 minutes.
 - Break time needs to be earned based on their work completion at the discretion of the teachers. For their break time, students will be given a 'timer'.
 - Students that are not doing work, disrupting others or off task will not be given the opportunity to have a break for that hour.
 - If a student tampers with the timer adding more break time, they will lose their opportunity to have a break for the rest of the day.
- ❖ As students leave school, the Yondr pouch will be opened and returned to the front desk.