

**Frederick Douglass Academy VII
High School**
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YONDR (CELL PHONE HOLDER) INFORMATION

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 required to bring their Yondr pouch to and from school each day and 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**

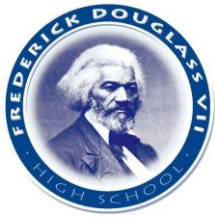
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly at Frederick Douglass Academy VII High School, 718-485-3789, or attend one of our upcoming meetings about the adoption of Yondr (TBA).

If there is an emergency and you would like to get in contact with your child, please reach out to Ms. Armstrong, Parent Coordinator at 929-314-0917 or the Main Office at 718-485-3789, press 0.

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

Thank you.

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How Yondr Works



POUCH

As a student enters school, they place their phone in their assigned Yondr pouch.



SECURE

The pouch is closed and secured. Each student keeps their pouch throughout the day.



EXIT

When leaving school, the student taps their pouch to an unlocking base to release 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 **718-485-3789, option 0**.

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.

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 **Frederick Douglass Academy VII High School**. If a student damages their Pouch or is caught on their phone, Administration will collect the phone/Pouch and call home:

- **The Parent will come to the school and Pick Up their child's phone**
- **AND/OR Consequences may include: Community Service / In-School**

Suspension / Detention

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.