

# **SWCHS Student Cell Phone Policy**

To promote the best possible learning and social environment at Southwest Christian, students will not use their phones during the school day. Every student will be assigned a personal Yondr Pouch with an ID number, similar to your assignment of a Chromebook. Just like with your computer, you are expected to bring your Yondr bag every day and return it in good shape at the end of the year.

## **Process for Bag Use**

### **Start of School Day:**

- 1) Prior to the bell, turn your phone off or put on airplane mode.
- 2) Unlock your empty Yondr Pouch using an unlocking base.
- 3) Place your phone inside the pouch, securely close it, and store it in your backpack or locker.
- 4) This process may take a few minutes. **You are responsible for getting to class on time with a secured pouch.** School start times (see exceptions on the school calendar):
  - a) Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8 a.m.
  - b) Tuesday, Thursday: 8:45 a.m.
  - c) If you have an open hour the first hour of the day, before your first class.

### **During the School Day:**

- 1) Keep your phone inside your Yondr Pouch for the duration of the school day.
- 2) If you leave campus for an appointment or for senior off-campus privileges, unlock your bag upon leaving and lock it upon re-entry.
- 3) You may not access your phone during the school day anywhere on campus unless you are leaving campus.

### **End of School Day:**

- 1) When your school day ends, unlock your pouch using an unlocking base.
- 2) Remove your phone from your pouch.
- 3) Securely close your empty pouch so the pin doesn't get bent, and place it in your backpack for the next day.
- 4) Students are free to use their phones on campus after school ends at 2:50 p.m.

## **Violations**

Each of the following violations will result in the student's phone and/or pouch being confiscated by school staff.

- 1) Physical damage to the pouch in an attempt to circumvent its intended purpose. (Ex: Inappropriate markings, holes, bent pin, stripped lock, etc.)
- 2) Losing the pouch.
- 3) Damaging or taking someone else's pouch.
- 4) Using a phone anywhere on campus during school hours.

## Consequences

If a student's phone is visible at all during the day (a student is found using their phone, a phone is not in a Yondr bag, etc.):

- 1) Your phone will be confiscated and given to the Dean of Students who will contact your parents via email.
- 2) See chart below for retrieving your phone:

1st Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Phone will be kept in the Dean's office for the remainder of the day</li><li>● Students can retrieve phone by paying a \$10 fine OR</li><li>● A parent can retrieve the phone prior to 4:30 p.m.</li></ul>
2nd Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Phone will be kept in the Dean's office for the remainder of the day</li><li>● Students can retrieve phone by paying a \$20 fine OR</li><li>● A parent can retrieve the phone prior to 4:30 p.m.</li></ul>
3rd Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Phone will be kept in the Dean's office for the entire day</li><li>● Mandatory meeting (in person or virtual) with student, parent and Dean of Students. \$20 fine. Phone will be returned after the meeting.</li><li>● Consequences for additional infractions will be discussed at this time.</li></ul>