



# DANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL YONDR PARENT LETTER



## Subject: DHS Is Going Phone-Free with Yondr

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Danville High School, we're committed to creating a learning environment where every student can thrive—academically, socially, and emotionally. Beginning Monday, August 18, we will launch the Yondr Phone Free Schools Program,—a proven, bell-to-bell approach that supports student focus, well-being, and connection by removing mobile phone and personal telecommunication device distractions during the school day.

For over a decade, Yondr has helped schools across all 50 states and more than 35 countries build healthier, more engaging school cultures. Their pouch-based program, combined with hands-on guidance and dedicated support, has led to powerful results:

- 86% reported improved safety and student wellness
- 84% saw increased engagement in class
- 68% experienced academic gain
- 44% reduced behavioral referrals

### How the Program Works

Each student will be assigned a Yondr pouch—a secure, lockable case for storing personal devices. Students are responsible for bringing their pouch to and from school each day and keeping it in good condition.

- **Upon arrival:** Students power off their phone, AirPods, and smartwatch (or switch to airplane mode), place all devices in the pouch, and lock it as they enter school.
- **During the day:** Students keep the locked pouch in their backpack or locker.
- **At dismissal:** Students unlock pouches at designated stations to retrieve their devices.
- **Timeline:** Students will be assigned their Yondr pouch on Friday, August 15 and walk through the daily arrival and dismissal procedures. The program will go live at student arrival on Monday, August 18.

This process is quick, simple, and will be supervised by staff as part of our daily routine.

### Staying Connected

With student safety as our top priority, we will follow our standard safety protocols in the event of an emergency. In an extreme emergency, the focus will be to maintain student



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safety. Once that is accomplished and students are in a secure location, either at the YMCA rendezvous point or within DHS, Yondr pouches will be unlocked for students.

If you need to reach your student during the school day, please contact one of the following administrative offices or email your student at their district issued email account. Students will receive their Chromebooks on Friday, August 15 and be given instructions on how to access and use their email account the following week. The QR code below will give you access to a back to a school folder that contains the school's complete office directory. Any office will be happy to assist you in delivering a message to your student.

- Students A-D: 217-444-1530
- Students E-H: 217-444-1512
- Students I-Q: 217-444-1549
- Students R-Z: 217-444-1517



We know that change takes partnership—and we're here to support a smooth transition for your family. To walk through the program and answer your questions, we'll be hosting a family information session:

**Thursday, August 14, 6:00pm, DHS Auditorium**

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to create a focused, present, and positive school environment for every student.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bretz