

We understand that cell phones have great utility, but cell phone use has increasingly become a source of distraction, behavior that prevents in-class engagement and bullying and conflict at school.

DeLaSalle High School believes in maintaining a safe and effective educational environment for all of its students. Research shows that the mere presence of cellphones in the classroom can be detrimental to student performance. According to a survey and report from Common Sense Media that involved 1,240 interviews with parents and their 12 to 18-year-old children, 50% of teens feel attached to their mobile devices, and 59% of their parents agree that their kids have a problem putting their devices down (U.S. News & World Report).

Yondr is currently used across the world in hundreds of classrooms and schools, at concerts, comedy shows, weddings and special events of all kinds. It is used in several high schools in Missouri and Kansas. The goal of these spaces is to encourage people to engage with each other and their surroundings.

The Yondr program employs a simple, easy-to-use case that stores a cell phone and requires an unlocking base to open. **When students arrive at school, they will place their phone in a Yondr case which is then locked.** Students maintain possession of their phones but will not be able to use them until they are unlocked at the end of the day. Should a teacher decide to use phones for an educational purpose, he/she will be able to seek administration approval for use in the curriculum.

We believe this will allow our students to be:

- Engaged in classroom activities and assignments
- Less likely to engage in conversations around bullying
- Less likely to be distracted and procrastinate on assignments in class
- Be on time to class during the school day

In an effort to best serve your child, we will need your support in the adoption of the Yondr program at our school. We want to assure our families that you can reach your student at the main office at 816-xxx-xxxx and through the following administrators, Sean Stalling, James Smith, Brianna Pryor, Erin Wilmore and Danielle Love. Please save these numbers for easy access. (Insert Admin's Numbers)

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment for our students. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact DeLaSalle directly.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I want to reach my student during the school day?

We want our students to be engaged in their learning. Please refrain from contacting your student during the school day unless it is an emergency. Please contact the main office or an administrator to reach your student.

What if there is an emergency?

In case of an emergency, we direct our students to safety first. School staff will be able to unlock a Yondr case in a matter of seconds for students once they are in a safe and secure location.

Will my student's phone be safe?

Yes, because students are in possession of their phone in the Yondr case and should keep the case stored away in their backpacks.

What if the case gets damaged?

If a student damages or loses their Yondr case, **they will be required to submit their phone to a school administrator immediately**. The student's parent or guardian will have to retrieve the phone from DeLaSalle High School. The Yondr case is the property of DeLaSalle High School. Any damage to or loss of school property will result in a replacement charge of \$10.

What if I forget my Yondr case?

If a student forgets the Yondr case, they will be required to submit their phone to a school administrator immediately. The phone will be returned to the student at the end of the school day. Repeated Offenses: a parent or guardian will have to retrieve the phone from DeLaSalle High School.

What if my student uses their cell phone in class without teacher permission?

If a student uses the cell phone without teacher permission, the teacher will report it to an administrator. The school administrator will respectfully remove the student from class and the student will be required to submit their phone to the school administrator. The phone will be returned at the end of the school day. Repeated Offenses: a parent or guardian will have to retrieve the phone from DeLaSalle High School. The student will risk disciplinary consequences, such as In-School Suspension and Phone Suspension.

What if my student is a repeat offender of the cell phone policy?

If a student repeatedly breaks the cell phone policy or damages the Yondr case, the student will receive In-School Suspension and receive a Phone Suspension for a period of 10 days to 30 days, depending on the severity of the situation.

Definition of Terms:

In-School Suspension: DLS ISS is a restorative room where a student receives restoration services for breaking school rules and is assigned classroom work from the teacher to be completed for full academic credit. The student is counted for attendance. Cell phones are not ever allowed in ISS.

Phone Suspension: Phone Suspension is a restriction that cell phones must be submitted to the Dean of Students or assigned administrator. Phone Suspension is for a period of 10 days to 30 days depending on the severity and repetitiveness of the cell phone offense.