# 2023-2024 James Island Charter High School Cell Phone Policy

(phones locked up all day)

JICHS will be a Yondr School for the 2023/2024 school year. https://www.overyondr.com/howitworks

Every JICHS Student will be issued a Yondr Pouch that will be their responsibility to maintain throughout the entire school year. (Lost or Damaged pouch details are below)

Students may use their cell phone in the morning until 8:15. When the 8:15 bell rings to enter the halls then all cell phones should be turned off (not on vibrate mode) and must be locked in the student's assigned Yondr Pouch. This includes during all classes, class changes, and anytime out of the classroom. Students will not take their locked Yondr pouch with them to the restroom. The locked pouch will remain in their backpack in the classroom. This will be known as **Phone Down Time or PDT**.

All electronic devices are the sole responsibility of the student. JICHS will not be responsible for investigating lost or stolen items.

Smart Watches are not to be worn or used during the Phone Down Time and must also be placed in the Yondr Pouch. Students are encouraged to leave Smart Watches at home.

Wireless Earbuds or Headphones are not to be worn during Phone Down Time. They should also be locked in the Yondr Pouch. Students using earbuds during PDT will be searched and punished according to the matrix. Students are encouraged to leave these items at home.

Students are not allowed to bring or use Bluetooth speakers or other Bluetooth devices on campus.

## **Parent Communication**

In the event that a parent needs to contact their child then the parent can call the school. Also, every student is issued a chromebook so the parent can email the student with any information that needs to be relayed. JICHS Phone: 843-762-2754

# **End of Day Dismissal**

Students will be allowed to unlock their Yondr pouches at the end of their 4th block class each day before the dismissal bell rings. Students can also use the Unlocking Stations located by the Attendance Office and in the Front Atrium.

# **Late Arrival**

Students with late-in arrival will be responsible for locking all devices in their assigned Yondr pouch before entering the halls to report to class.

#### Flex Passes

Students with a flex pass will be able to unlock their Yondr pouch at the unlocking station by the Attendance Office when leaving campus. Upon returning to campus they must once again lock all devices in their assigned Yondr pouch before entering the halls to report to class.

## **Senior Lunch Privilege**

Seniors leaving for lunch will be able to unlock their Yondr pouch at the unlocking station by the Attendance Office when leaving campus. Upon returning to campus they must once again lock all devices in their assigned Yondr pouch before entering the halls to report to class.

### Medical Accommodations

Students needing to use their phone for medical accommodations (ex. checking blood sugar, etc.) will be required to contact the school nurse for further information. Proper paperwork will be required.

## **Lost or Damaged Yondr Pouch**

If a student loses their Yondr pouch then a replacement pouch can be purchased for \$20. If school starts and the new pouch has not yet been purchased then the student will leave their phone in the \*\*\*Room for that day or until a replacement pouch has been purchased. If the pouch is damaged then the administrator over Cell Phones will investigate on a case by case basis. If the student is found to have intentionally damaged the pouch then they will be responsible for replacing it. There will be one free replacement if the student is found not at fault.

# Fake/Dummy Phones or Multiple Phones

If a student locks a fake/dummy phone in their Yondr pouch but is caught with another phone then the consequence will also include a referral for "Refusal to Obey" which is a level 2 offense.

#### Filming, Videoing and Recording

If a student uses their phone to record, video or film then the consequence could also include a referral for "Aiding Others" which is a Level 2 offense.

Confiscated items will be returned as follows:

If a student does not follow these expectations, the student will be sent to the FDT Room and the following consequences will occur (Starts over 2nd semester):

| Offense | Consequence   | Description of Infraction   |
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| 1-2     | Student is escorted to the FDT Room (A teacher, Administrator, librarian, Guidance Counselor or Student Concerns Specialist can escort). The cell phone infraction will be recorded. The Guardian will be contacted. Phone is confiscated until the end of the school day. Student can pick up the phone at 3:30 from FDT Room.   | The student is witnessed by a teacher, Administrator, Librarian, Guidance Counselor or Student Concerns Specialist with a cell phone in their possession not in the Yondr Pouch during Phone Down Time.             |
| 3       | Student is escorted to the FDT Room (A teacher, Administrator librarian, Guidance Counselor or Student Concerns Specialist can escort). The cell phone infraction will be recorded. Phone is confiscated until the end of the school day. A referral for "Unauthorized Device" is written. An authorized Guardian will pick up the phone from the school.   | The student is witnessed by a teacher,<br>Administrator, Librarian, Guidance<br>Counselor or Student Concerns Specialist<br>with a cell phone in their possession not in<br>the Yondr Pouch during Phone Down Time. |
| 4       | Student is escorted to the FDT Room (A teacher, Administrator librarian, Guidance Counselor or Student Concerns Specialist can escort). The cell phone infraction will be recorded. Phone is confiscated until the end of the school day. A referral for "Unauthorized Device" is written. An authorized Guardian will pick up the phone from the school. The student will serve ILT lunch detention.   | The student is witnessed by a teacher, Administrator, Librarian, Guidance Counselor or Student Concerns Specialist with a cell phone in their possession not in the Yondr Pouch during Phone Down Time.             |
| 5       | Student is escorted to the FDT Room (A teacher, Administrator librarian, Guidance Counselor or Student Concerns Specialist can escort). The cell phone infraction will be recorded. Phone is confiscated until the end of the school day. A referral for "Unauthorized Device" is written. An authorized Guardian will pick up the phone from the school. The following day the student will check their phone into the FDT Room by 8:30am. The Phone will stay in the FDT Room until 3:30 when the student can pick it up. Late-in and early dissial could alter the drop off or pick up time but it will not be given back for a flex pass. | The student is witnessed by a teacher, Administrator, Librarian, Guidance Counselor or Student Concerns Specialist with a cell phone in their possession not in the Yondr Pouch during Phone Down Time.             |
| 6       | Student is escorted to the FDT Room (A teacher, Administrator librarian, Guidance Counselor or Student Concerns Specialist can escort). The cell phone infraction will be recorded. Phone is confiscated until the end of the school day. A referral for "Unauthorized Device" is written. An authorized Guardian will pick up the phone from the school. The student will serve one day of Saturday School.  | The student is witnessed by a teacher, Administrator, Librarian, Guidance Counselor or Student Concerns Specialist with a cell phone in their possession not in the Yondr Pouch during Phone Down Time.             |

| 7  | Student is escorted to the FDT Room (A teacher, Administrator librarian, Guidance Counselor or Student Concerns Specialist can escort). The cell phone infraction will be recorded. Phone is confiscated until the end of the school day. A referral for "Unauthorized Device" is written. An authorized Guardian will pick up the phone from the school. The student will serve one day of ICE.   | The student is witnessed by a teacher, Administrator, Librarian, Guidance Counselor or Student Concerns Specialist with a cell phone in their possession not in the Yondr Pouch during Phone Down Time. |
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| 8  | Student is escorted to the FDT Room (A teacher, Administrator librarian, Guidance Counselor or Student Concerns Specialist can escort). The cell phone infraction will be recorded. Phone is confiscated until the end of the school day. A referral for "Unauthorized Device" is written. An authorized Guardian will pick up the phone from the school and must conference with the student's administrator. A behavior contract will be written.                              | The student is witnessed by a teacher, Administrator, Librarian, Guidance Counselor or Student Concerns Specialist with a cell phone in their possession not in the Yondr Pouch during Phone Down Time. |
| 9+ | Student is escorted to the FDT Room (A teacher, Administrator librarian, Guidance Counselor or Student Concerns Specialist can escort). The cell phone infraction will be recorded. Phone is confiscated until the end of the school day. A referral for "Unauthorized Device" is written. An authorized Guardian will pick up the phone from the school. Discipline will be determined from the behavior contract. The student will also be placed on Administrative Probation. | The student is witnessed by a teacher, Administrator, Librarian, Guidance Counselor or Student Concerns Specialist with a cell phone in their possession not in the Yondr Pouch during Phone Down Time. |

A teacher must request permission from their Administrator to use cell phones in their classroom.

\*\*\*\*Consequences for teachers not following the cell phone policy

The teacher handbook will be updated - Meeting your professional obligations as a teacher.