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Dear Bowe and GHS Parents and Guardians,

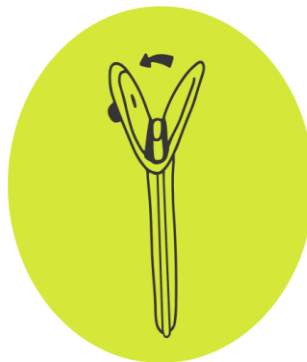
With input from the community, staff, and students, Glassboro Public Schools will be making Bowe and GHS, phone-free spaces to improve teaching and learning using a program called [Yondr](#). Yondr has been implemented in thousands of schools across 27 countries to facilitate an engaged learning environment. Schools that have adopted Yondr have found that learning and student mental health improve drastically when students are fully present with their teachers and classmates.

The Yondr Program utilizes a simple, secure pouch. Every student will secure their phone, smartwatch, and earbuds/air pods in a personally assigned pouch when they arrive at school. Students will maintain possession of their locked pouch until 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. Students who forget their pouch will have their electronics placed in a manila envelope, which will be kept in the main office until the end of the day. Failure to follow these procedures will result in parent contact along with progressive discipline.

How Yondr Works



As students enter school, they place their phone in their assigned Yondr Pouch.



Students close and secure their Pouch, keeping it on them throughout the day.



When leaving school, students tap their Pouch on a Base to retrieve their phone.

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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, please get in touch with the main office.

What if there is a school emergency and my student needs access to their phone?

In the event of an emergency in which students need access to their phones, staff will have handheld devices that will unlock the pouches.

Will my student's phone be safe?

Students are in possession of their phone - in their Yondr pouch - for the entire school day.

What if the Yondr pouch gets lost or damaged?

The Yondr pouch is the property of Glassboro Public Schools. If there are signs that the physical integrity of the pouch has been compromised, whether intentional or unintentional, as determined by the school, students will be billed for the cost of the pouch, valued at \$40. Lost pouches will result in a fine.

Additional details can be found in the "Information" section of the district main page.

We genuinely believe this initiative will reinvigorate the classroom experience and promote positive social interactions among students.

On behalf of the Bowe School and High School Administrative Teams, we thank you for your support.

Ms. Lauren Kerr, Principal of Thomas E. Bowe Middle School, and
Dr. Monique Stowman-Burke, Principal of Glassboro High School