

# HB 1105 (2025)



- Bans Elementary and Middle School Students from using cell phones during school hours
- Allows for High School usage outside of instructional time
- Creates a **pilot program** in six counties to explore the effects of banning cell phones in high schools
  - FLDOE will collect academic and behavioral data to gauge the overall effectiveness
  - Yondr is partnering with the FLDOE to fully-fund certain pilot districts
- My goal here today is not advocacy for Yondr or the pilot program, but rather to provide you with information and find out if we are interested in being a pilot district
  - The following presentation was provided by Yondr to help answer questions you may have:

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PHONE-FREE SCHOOLS

# STUDENTS ARE IN THE MIDST OF psychological and academic crisis.

NEA NEWS

## The Epidemic of Anxiety Among Today's Students

By high school and college, many students have run out of steam. Anxiety—the mental-health tsunami of their generation—has caught up with them.

SCHOOL CLIMATE &amp; SAFETY WHAT THE RESEARCH SAYS

## Digital Distractions in Class Linked to Lower Academic Performance



By [Lauraine Langreo](#) — December 08, 2023 ⌚ 2 min read

## The Doomscroll Generation

*Social media and smartphones have tipped an entire generation into anxiety and depression. Is there anything to be done?*

by Sarah P. Weeldreyer April 2, 2024

# Negative impacts of cell phones on acad



## 20 MINUTES

The time it takes for students to regain focus after a nearby cellphone distraction

\*2023 UNESCO Study



## 15 POINTS

The decrease in scores of mathematics students when distracted by phones

\*PISA (2022)



## 3 HOURS

The daily social media use that doubles anxiety and depression risks among youth

\*US Surgeon General, 2024



## 68 PERCENT

The percentage of students who report that electronic devices are distracting

\*NIH Study, 2017

# CELL PHONE REGULATION IS SURGEON

1 in 7

countries have banned phones in school, per the UNs Global Education Monitoring Report, while Arkansas, Florida, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Indiana lead U.S. states in implementing school phone bans.

75%

of public schools in the United States have some form of restriction on cellphone use during school hours.

# BUT, PHONE BANS ALONE ARE NO



*“ Cellphone bans are in place in 77% of schools. But this high number [refers] to any school that tells students they should not use their phone while in class. That’s not really a ban; it’s more of an unenforceable wish.”*

– Jonathan Haidt,  
Author and Social Psychologist





"We've tried phone buckets, boxes, chat stations. When you put a phone policy in the hands of a teacher, you're setting up an antagonistic relationship with students."

—Rebecca Rothery, English Teacher

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# THE SOLUTION: THE YONDR PROGRAM

Experience the focus, creativity, and relief  
that comes from a phone-free school day.



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Since 2011, Millions of students have benefited from a PHONE-FREE EDUCATION WITH YONDR



Millions of students  
USE YONDR DAILY



SCHOOL  
PARTNERS IN 27  
COUNTRIES



AND ALL  
50 STATES



WATCH THE YONDR PROGRAM IN ACTION

With yondr,  
it's a partnership.

# WHY YONDR?



Proven product  
AND program



BEST IN CLASS  
support



IMMEDIATE  
results



## Phone-Free Equipment

- Pouches, Unlocking Bases and Handheld Magnets

## Training and Support


- Implementation Planning, Program Orientation, and Ongoing Support

## Curriculum Resources

- Lesson Plans, Phone-Free Activity Guides, and Resource Libraries for Parents



Student behavior • Social  
connection • Academic success  
Mental health • Student  
engagement • College and  
career readiness



ANXIETY • DEPRESS  
SOCIAL ALIENATION • BEHAVIORAL  
ISSUES • CYBERBULLYING •  
POOR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE





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SCHOOL SURVEY  
RESULTS:

86% Saw a positive impact  
on safety and wellness

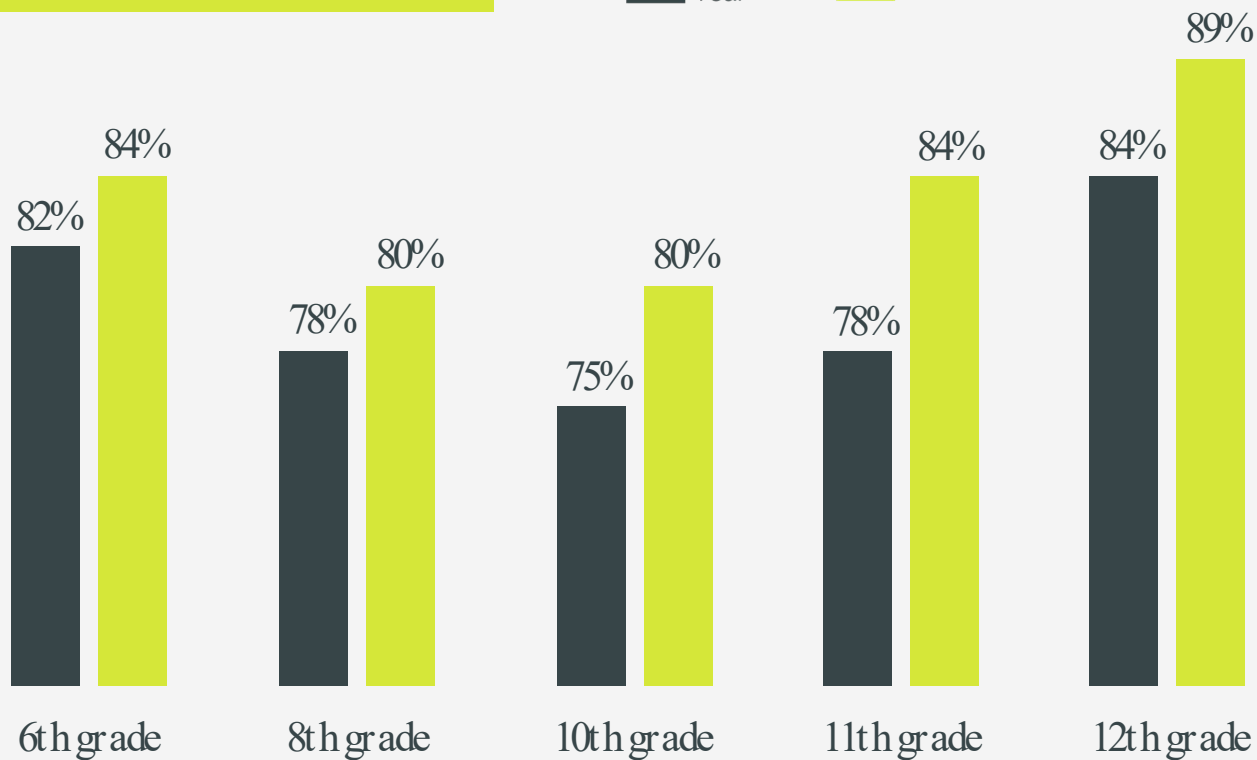
84% Saw a positive change  
in student engagement

68% Saw an improvement  
in academic performance

# Student success rate

Previous Year

Year-1 with Yondr



After implementing Yondr **38% increased probability of passing grades** in academically focused classes for 11th and 12th grades, and academic success **increased across all grade levels.**

Source: *Yondr in Education: An Examination of Academic and Behavioral Outcomes*

# Positive impact on behavior

Behavior  
referrals

DOWN  
43.72%

BULLYING  
HARASSMENT

DOWN  
34.72%

*Source: Yondr in Education: An  
Examination of Academic and  
Behavioral Outcomes*

## EDUCATOR TESTIMONIALS



"It's an absolute game-changer. Our campus is so much more **energetic and positive.**"

— Allison Silvestri, Principal



"We had **more books checked out** in one week than all of last year combined."

— Librarian, Stanhope Elmore HS



"**Discipline issues are down** significantly, by about a third."

— Eric Mackey, State Superintendent



"It's **given children back their youth.** We have a beautiful courtyard that no one used before we had the Yondr pouches. Now, they use it."

— Principal, West Philadelphia HS



"Students are actually **talking to one another again.**"

— Yvonne Shiu, School Principal



"Our US History **pass rate went up five fold.**"

— James Villa, School Principal

# Getting started with yondr

PLANNING

COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH

IMPLEMENTATION

POST-  
IMPLEMENTATION  
SUPPORT

# A PHONE EDUCATION MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

Let's work together to create an environment where teachers  
can teach and students can thrive.







# Challenges to Consider

- ❖ Rollout Messaging
  - Yondr supports, but this will require major coordination
- ❖ Logistics of Implementation and Management
  - Creation of Procedures
- ❖ Changing the Code of Conduct and NEOLA Policy
  - Strengthen consequences
- ❖ No System will be Perfect
  - Dummy Phones
  - Forgotten Pouches
  - Lost/Damaged Pouches
  - Medical Exemptions
- ❖ "I want to be able to contact my child in the event of an emergency"

<OPEN FOR DISCUSSION>