

POUGHKEEPSIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

"TOGETHER, WE ARE CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN"

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Dear Poughkeepsie Middle School Families,

I hope this message finds you well. As we continue to prioritize the well-being and academic success of our students, I want to inform you of an important change that will be implemented in the upcoming 2024-25 school year.

Starting this fall, we will be introducing the use of Yondr pouches for all students. This initiative is part of our ongoing efforts to create an optimal learning environment, free from distractions and focused on education.

How Yondr Pouches Work:

- **Upon Arrival:** Each morning, students will be required to place their cell phones in a Yondr pouch as they enter the school building. The pouch will then be securely locked, and students will keep it with them throughout the day.
- **During the School Day:** The phones will remain locked in the pouches, ensuring that students are not distracted by their devices during class or other school activities.
- **At the End of the Day:** Students will unlock their Yondr pouches and retrieve their phones as they leave the building and return the pouches.

Why We Are Implementing This Change:

We believe that this policy will help students stay focused on their studies and reduce the distractions that can come with cell phone use during school hours. The goal is to foster a more engaged and interactive classroom/school environment, where students can fully participate in their education.

We are champions of children who inspire and nurture the whole child by providing innovative, high-quality educational opportunities that prepare all students to embark on individual paths of success in a globally diverse community."

Success at Poughkeepsie High School:

We are pleased to share that Poughkeepsie High School recently implemented the Yondr pouch system with great success. The initiative has led to noticeable improvements in student focus, participation, and overall classroom behavior. We are confident that Poughkeepsie Middle School will experience similar positive outcomes.

What This Means for You and Your Child:

- **Communication:** We understand the importance of communication between parents and students. In case of an emergency, please contact the main office, and we will ensure that your child receives the message.
- **Responsibility:** Students will be responsible for managing and securing their Yondr Pouches safely throughout the school day.

We appreciate your support as we implement this new policy. We are confident that this change will have a positive impact on the overall learning experience at Poughkeepsie Middle School.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school administration. We are here to support you and your child as we navigate this new initiative together.

Thank you for your cooperation and partnership in helping us provide the best possible educational environment for our students.

Warm regards,

Administration Team

Poughkeepsie Middle School