



# FAITH ACADEMY

## Yondr Policy 2018-2019 School Year

Faith Academy believes in offering a quality Christian education in a safe, clean, and orderly environment while assisting and encouraging students to realize who they are in Christ. 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 addicted 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).

In an effort to support our students, we piloted the use of Yondr cases to control cell phone distractions during the school day in the 2017-2018 academic year. Staff overwhelmingly believed that Yondr cases created a productive learning environment with a significant decrease of classroom disruptions due to cell phone use.

### **How does the Yondr case work?**

A Yondr case will temporarily lock once your child places his/her phone in it. Though your child's phone will be silenced, all notifications, calls and messages will still be transmitted to the phone. Yondr allows your child the comfort of staying in possession of his/her phone, but takes away the urge of constantly looking at it, texting in the moment, monitoring social media or calling friends in another class.

### **How will the Yondr process work at morning arrival and dismissal?**

When arriving to school, students in grades 7-10 with a cell phone will place his/her phone inside of a Yondr case and lock it in front of his/her homeroom teacher. Each student is assigned a numbered case and is responsible for returning that numbered case to his/her homeroom teacher at dismissal. Students in grades 11 and 12 will Yondr their phones from class to class, at the discretion of their teachers. If a student needs to leave school early, unlocking bases will be in the office to allow for a quick dismissal. Yondr cases are school property and failure to return a case and/or damage to school property will result in the student being responsible for the cost of the Yondr.

### **How can I get in touch with a Faith student? How can Faith students contact their caregiver(s)?**

In the event a caregiver needs to contact their student, they can call the school office, and their child will be given the message. If the student needs to contact his or her caregiver, he or she will be allowed to call from the office.

### **Will cell phones be used for educational purposes?**

Classroom teachers (especially for technology) may allow for educational cell phone use in the classroom and have unlocking bases in their classroom at the discretion of a school administrator.

**Yondr cases are school property and Faith Academy is a distraction free environment. Students who violate this policy will face consequences in accordance to our student handbook.** We thank you for your cooperation and participation to help us create a safe and secure educational environment so our students can develop the necessary social and learning skills to be engaged, positive contributing members of our community.

**Please contact your child's principal at (251) 633-7267 with any questions.**

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_