

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
KENSINGTON CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

1901 N. Front Street
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19122
215-400-7400

September 9, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians;

All of the the schools in Philadelphia are committed to maintaining a safe and effective learning atmosphere for all students. Cell phone usage has increasingly become a root cause of disturbance and distraction in our schools despite their potential value.

As a result, Kensington CAPA High School made the decision to use Yondr Pouches for the 2022-2023 school year. [You can visit this link to see how they work.](#) With the Yondr Pouches, students will maintain possession of their phones while in school, but will not be able to use them while in the pouch. When entering school, students will turn their phones off, earbuds, and smart watches and place them in their pouch, which will be locked. At the end of the day, students will be able to unlock the pouches at the exits. We strongly believe that the use of the Yondr Pouches in our buildings will increase safety, student learning, and engagement in school.

We are asking for your support in ensuring that our schools are able to focus on our mission to provide a high-quality education to all of our students. Please discuss the importance of taking full advantage of the experiences we deliver with the goal of supporting each young person in learning and contributing positively to our school communities.

On the reverse of this letter, you will find a "Frequently Asked Questions" section. Should there be a need to learn more about how you can support our efforts to maintain the safest and most engaging schools possible for our deserving young people, please contact me using the information in the header.

Sincerely,



Patricia McDermott
Principal KCAPA

Frequently Asked Questions

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

- All students will be assigned a Yondr pouch for their phone that they keep all year.
- The pouch is the property of the school and is considered on loan to the student during the school year.
- Upon entering school, students will turn their phone off, place the phone, smartwatch, electronic watch, and ear buds, inside of the Yondr pouch, and lock it in front of the designated staff.
- If a student needs to leave school early for an approved early dismissal, medical emergency, work roster, athletic event, or other school-sponsored trip, unlocking will be available to allow for a quick opening of the pouch.
- Students will take their pouch to and from school with them each day.

What if a parent/guardian needs to reach their child during the school day?

- We understand that emergencies will occur. Parents/guardians may contact the main office to speak with their child if the need arises at 215-400-7400.

Will the phone be safe?

- Phones NEVER leave the possession of the students.

What happens if a student does not have their pouch?

- The phone will be turned over to a designated staff member and secured in the school, safe until the end of the school day.
- At the end of the school day, students will retrieve their phone by showing their school ID.

What happens if a Yondr pouch is damaged?

- Students will be required to purchase a replacement pouch from the school at the current market value.

What if a student refuses to put their devices into a Yondr Pouch?

- The parent will be notified that if the student fails to comply he/she will not be admitted to a school.
- Students still refusing to cooperate prior to entry into school will then be denied entry (not suspended) by the principal/designee until such time as they choose to comply.



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Electronic Device Storage Requirements

(Students please initial each line)

_____ I understand that I must unlock my pouch before I go to the scanner and metal detector each morning;

_____ I understand that my pouch will remain locked throughout the school day with my phone, smartwatch, electronic watches, and earbuds inside of the pouch;

_____ I understand that if I damage or lose my pouch, I am responsible for purchasing a replacement at the current market value of the pouch. If damaged, the pouch will be confiscated immediately and not returned;

_____ If my pouch is lost or stolen, I must purchase a new pouch at the current market value;

_____ I understand that there are no free pouches or envelopes if I damage or lose my pouch;

_____ I understand that electronic devices are discovered un-pouched will be confiscated and a parent/guardian will be required to come to the school to retrieve the confiscated items;

_____ I understand that my pouch is a personal item and must be with me at all times

_____ I understand that I will be allowed to open my pouch ONLY upon exiting the school at the end of my school day;

_____ I understand that my teacher(s) or any staff member is not responsible for the care of my pouch.

I acknowledge that I have read the above statements and recognize that these stipulations apply to all students.

Student (print name): _____

Student signature and date: _____

Parent/guardian (print name): _____

Parent/guardian signature and date: _____



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**Escuela Secundaria Kensington de Artes Escénicas y
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Contrato sobre el uso de las bolsas de seguridad para dispositivos electrónicos

(Estudiantes, por favor escriban sus iniciales en cada espacio)

_____ Entiendo que debo tener abierta mi bolsa de seguridad para dispositivos electrónicos antes de pasar por el scanner y el detector de metales cada mañana.

_____ Entiendo que durante toda la jornada escolar esta bolsa permanecerá cerrada. En ella estarán mi teléfono, así como mi smartwatch (u otros relojes electrónicos) y audífonos earbuds.

_____ Entiendo que si daño o pierdo mi bolsa, tendré que comprar una nueva para reemplazarla al precio actual establecido en el mercado. En caso de que la bolsa esté dañada, se decomisará inmediatamente y no será devuelta.

_____ Si mi bolsa se pierde o es robada, debo comprar una nueva por el precio actual establecido en el mercado.

_____ Entiendo que no habrá bolsas o sobres gratuitos disponibles si daño o pierdo mi bolsa asignada.

_____ Entiendo que si se llega a descubrir que mis dispositivos electrónicos no están dentro de la bolsa, serán decomisados y mi madre/padre o encargad@ tendrían que venir a la escuela para que los pueda tener de vuelta.

_____ Entiendo que mi bolsa es un artículo personal y debe permanecer conmigo todo el tiempo.

_____ Entiendo que se me permitirá abrir la bolsa SOLAMENTE cuando salga de la escuela, al final de la jornada escolar.

_____ Entiendo que ni mis profesor@s ni otr@s trabajadores de la escuela son responsables del cuidado de mi bolsa

Al firmar este documento, estoy de acuerdo con los términos y condiciones enlistados anteriormente.

Nombre Completo del (la) estudiante: _____

Firma del (la) estudiante y fecha: _____

Nombre completo de madre/padre/encargad@: _____

Madre/padre/encargad@ (firma y fecha): _____