

Victory Collegiate HS Policy on Cell Phones and other Electronic Gadgets School Year 2024 - 2025

The use of cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems at school is subject to the restrictions below.

Cell phones:

Students may bring cellphones to school. As students arrive to school, they will:

1. Turn their phone off.
2. Place their phone inside their assigned Pouch and secure it in front of school staff.
3. Store their pouch in their backpack for the day.
4. If a student claims that he/she does not have a phone, the student will be instructed to go through the rescanning process.
5. At the end of the instructional day, students will report to first floor main entrance to have their pouch unlocked by school staff.
6. Students arriving late, leaving early or staying past 4 pm will pouch/unpouch their phones in the Dean's office (room 412).

*The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged pouch and cell phones.

Computing devices:

Students may bring computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems to school, but they may not be turned on or used at school.

These additional restrictions apply to the use of computing devices, portable music and entertainment systems:

1. Portable music and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used during the administration of any school quiz, test or examination.
2. Computing devices may not be turned on or used during the administration of any school quiz, test or examination, except where such use has been explicitly authorized by the school or is contained in an Individualized Education Program or Section 504 Accommodation Plan.
3. Computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used during school fire drills or other emergency preparedness exercises.

4. Computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems may not be used in locker rooms or bathrooms.

Consequences:

Students must adhere to this policy at all times. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in disciplinary consequences including: confiscation, parent conference, loss of cell phone privileges, and other consequences in accordance with the Chancellor's Regulations.

If a student damages their Pouch or is caught on their phone, administration/dean staff members will collect the phone/pouch and call home for a mandatory parent conference. Cell Phone will not be returned until the parent/guardian comes.

Discipline:

Students who use cell phones, computing devices, and/or portable music and entertainment system in violation of any provision of the DOE's Discipline Code, the school's policy, Chancellor Regulation A-413, and/or the DOE's Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy ("IAUSP") will be subject to discipline in accordance with the guidance interventions and disciplinary responses set forth in the Discipline Code.

Confiscation of Cell Phones, Computing Devices, and Hand-held Music and Entertainment Systems

If a school confiscates a cell phone, computing device, or portable music or entertainment system for violation of the DOE's Discipline Code, the school's policy, Chancellor's Regulation A-413 and/or the DOE's IAUSP, the principal/designee must contact the student's parent. Confiscation, storage and return of such items must be handled in accordance with the school's policy. (See Section II A above.)

As per Chancellor Regulation A-413, Principals must establish written school-based policies regarding the use of cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems that are consistent with this Regulation and set forth:

1. the circumstances under which cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems may be used on school property; and
2. the procedures for confiscation, storage and return of such items.

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.

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, contact the main office at 718.968.1530 ext. 4801 or 4803

What if there is a school emergency?

In case of a school emergency, we direct our students to safety first, following our school emergency preparedness protocol.

Will my student's phone be safe?

Students are in possession of their phone - in their Yondr pouch - for the entire school day. We will advise students to store the pouch in their backpacks where it is completely safe.

What if the Yondr pouch gets damaged or a student is caught on their phone?

The Yondr pouch is property of Victory Collegiate HS. If a student damages their Pouch or is caught on their phone, administration/dean staff will collect the phone/Pouch and call home:

- The Parent will come to the school and pick up their child's phone

What if the student has a second phone?

Administration/dean staff will collect the phone/Pouch and call home:

- The Parent will come to the school and pick up their child's phone

Note: Damage consists of any signs that the physical integrity of the pouch has been compromised, whether intentional or unintentional, as determined by the school or Yondr staff.