

YONDR

**OKLAHOMA EDUCATION COMMITTEE
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SINCE 2014, **MILLIONS OF STUDENTS** HAVE BENEFITTED 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



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



THE EFFECTS ARE IMMEDIATE AND TRANSFORMATIVE



**MAXIMIZE
INSTRUCTION
TIME**



**FOCUS
STUDENTS
ON LEARNING**



**REDUCE
BEHAVIORAL
ISSUES**



**IMPROVE
ACADEMIC
OUTCOMES**



**BUILD
COMMUNITY
AND SOCIAL
INTERACTION**

YONDR IN OKLAHOMA: EDUCATOR TESTIMONIALS

“It has made such a difference in my classes. The teachers are happier. They do not have to try to keep the students on task because they have nothing else to do but their work.”

— Amy Funkhouser, M.Ed
Hominy High School Principal

“We've noticed, recently, that kids are forgetting their phones in their pouches. It's almost like they've eliminated that in their process of thought.. because they're thinking about other things now. **So it's been really positive.**”

— Dan Hahn, Ph.D
Tulsa School of Arts and Sciences Principal

“The number of discipline issues that I have dealt with in my office has been slashed by over 90% compared to this point last year. So, I am loving the newfound time to do more important administrative duties that enhance education.”

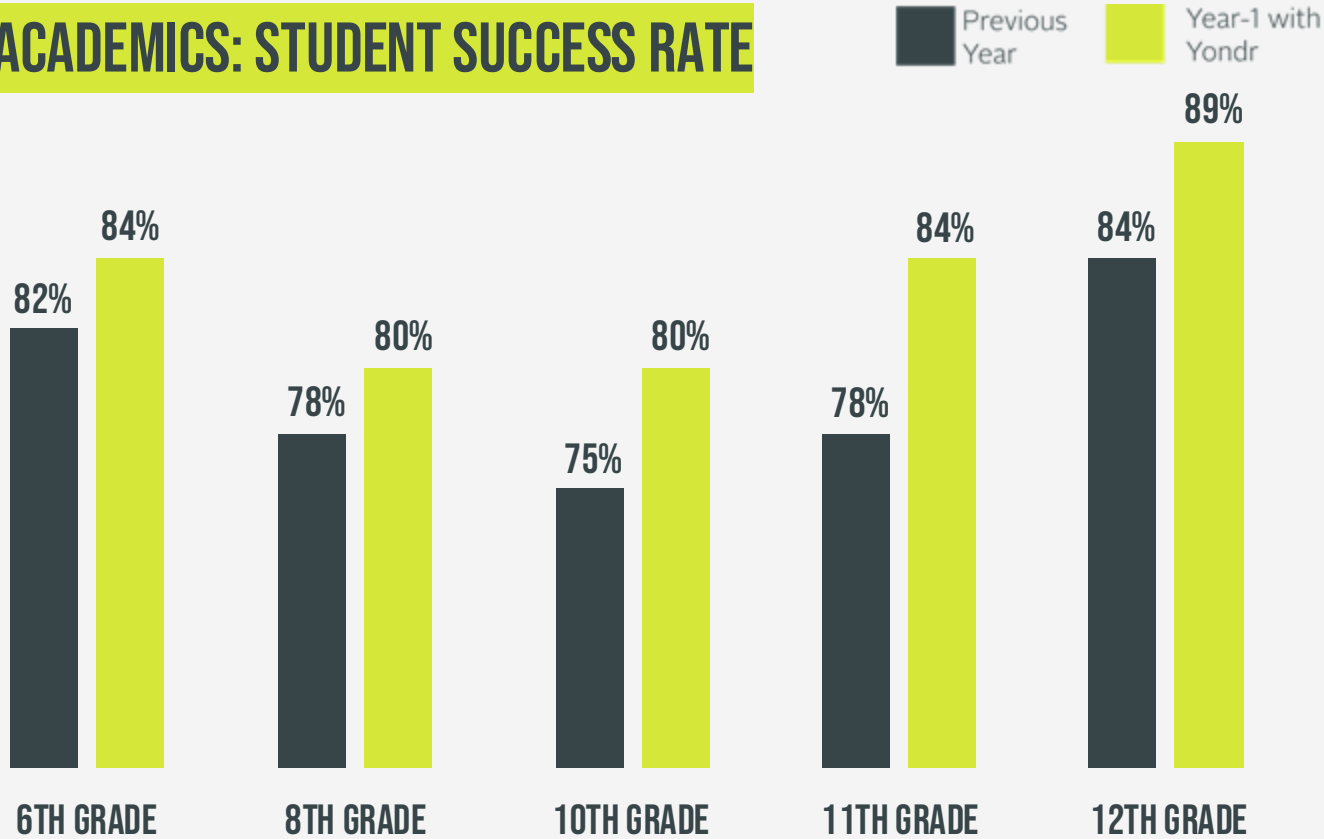
— Brady L. Maxwell, M. Ed.
Glencoe High School Principal

PHONE-FREE SCHOOL LEGISLATION IN OTHER STATES

- **Arkansas:** Governor Sanders announced in August that she has a goal for a phone-free education for all, and is providing funding for all schools who wish to implement the Yondr Program.
- **Pennsylvania:** Senator Aument unlocked similar funding in PA, where they included Yondr in a state grant that helps districts improve school safety and student mental health.
- **Virginia:** Governor Youngkin issued an executive order in July to establish phone-free education for all schools in VA. Yondr was included in the guidance issued. You can view the case study used [here](#).



ACADEMICS: STUDENT SUCCESS RATE



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*

IMPACT ON STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Based on average monthly behavior referrals.

Referral Type	Before YONDR	After YONDR	Net Change
BEHAVIOR	302	170	-44%
TECHNOLOGY	46	25	-45%
BULLYING/HARASSMENT	37	24	-35%
SUBSTANCE USE	4	2	-44%
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY	4	3	-19%

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

YONDR
SCHOOL SURVEY:

94%

SAW MORE TEACHING TIME
IN THE CLASSROOM

86%

SAW A POSITIVE IMPACT
ON SAFETY AND WELLNESS

84%

SAW A POSITIVE CHANGE
IN STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

72%

SAW A POSITIVE CHANGE
IN STUDENT BEHAVIOR

CELL PHONES AND SCHOOL SAFETY

Many parents understand the benefits of a phone-free education, but worry about safety—specifically, how to contact their child in an emergency.

While these concerns are understandable, top safety experts agree that smartphones don't enhance student safety and can actually be distracting.



“The last thing we want is students on their cell phones in the midst of an emergency. They should be taking direction from the principal, the teachers, and the leaders in the school to get them to a place of safety.”

— Don Zesiger, former Akron Public Schools Safety Director and Yondr School Safety Partner

HOW CAN CELL PHONES CAUSE HARM DURING AN EMERGENCY?

- **Distraction:** Phones can distract students from listening to first responders.
- **Communication Jamming:** High call volumes can disrupt emergency coordination.
- **Noise Risk:** Phone use might reveal students' whereabouts.
- **Online Tracking Risks:** Assailants could use social media to find additional victims.

YONDR TESTIMONIALS: EDUCATORS



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

— Librarian, Stanhope Elmore HS



"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



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

— Eric Mackey, State Superintendent



"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

YONDR TESTIMONIALS: STUDENTS AND PARENTS

"The 'phone rule' is a big reason why my son is now more social and engaged in school. Mt. Scott is the first school where he feels safe and doesn't skip. **This school has brought hope and life back into my son's life.**"

— Donelda Weiss, Parent,
Mt. Scott Learning Center, Oregon

"I would end up doing everything else other than the work, sometimes. **Now without the phones, I feel like fewer students are being distracted.**"

— Peter Sealy, Student,
Poughkeepsie City School District,
New York

"We thought, 'oh, this is about to be so boring in school [without phones].' **It wasn't as boring, though, we were actually focused this year. I forget I even have it.** I put it in my locker and forget it."

— Maliyah Shaw, Student,
George Washington Carver
School, Ohio

A PHONE-FREE EDUCATION MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

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



THANK YOU

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