***Wilbur Wright Cell Phone & Electronic Device Policy*2024 – 2025 School Year**

**CMSD Phone-Free School Initiative**

To enhance the teaching and learning experience, CMSD schools are becoming phone-free spaces. This policy aligns with Ohio House Bill 250 signed by Governor Dewine in May of 2024 that is mandating all schools create a plan that limits cellphone use in schools.

**The Policy**

Students who bring personal cellphones or electronic devices to school will have them stored in secure, personal Yondr pouches during the school day to maintain a secure and orderly learning environment. Phones are not to be used during the school day.

Every student is assigned a personal Yondr Pouch. While the Yondr Pouch is considered school property, it is each student’s responsibility to obtain their Pouch at entry every day and keep it in good working condition.

**Daily Process**

As students **Arrive to School**, they will:

1. Turn their phone off.
2. Open their Yondr Pouch by tapping against the Unlocking Base.
3. Place their phone inside the Pouch and secure it in front of school staff.
4. Yondr pouches will be placed in bins by grade-level and secured in the main office.
5. At the end of the day, students will proceed to the exit doors. School personnel will assist students in retrieving their Yondr Pouch. Students will open their Pouch, remove their phone, close their Pouch and put it in their grade-level bin.

\*Students arriving late or leaving early will pouch/unpouch their phones in the main office.

**Benefits**

Yondr has proven to significantly improve the learning environment:

* 65% of schools reported improved academic performance.
* 74% of schools observed better student behavior.
* 83% of schools saw increased student engagement in the classroom.

**Support**

For any questions or concerns, please contact your child’s school directly. In case of an emergency, please reach out to the main office at your child’s school.

* **Reaching Your Child:** Contact the main office during the school day.
* **School Emergencies:** Students will follow the school’s emergency preparedness protocol for safety.
* **Phone Safety:** Phones remain in Yondr pouches and will be secured in the main office.
* **Handling Pouch Issues:** Damaging a pouch or unauthorized phone use will result in disciplinary actions as outlined by the school.