



Yondr Bags

YOUTH IN ACTION

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A PHONE-FREE SHOW

HOW THIS WORKS



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CASE

As you enter the venue, your phone will be placed in a Yondr case.



②

LOCK

Once inside, the case will lock. You'll keep your phone throughout the show.



③

UNLOCK

To use your phone, tap it on any unlocking base in the lobby.

Background: No Phone Access at School

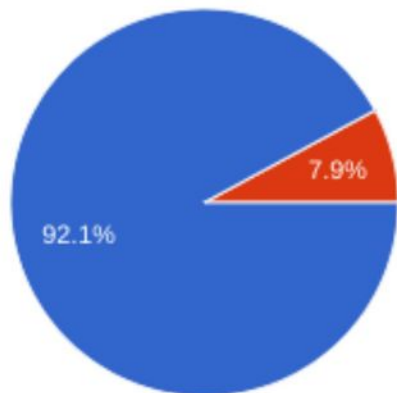
Vision: No students would have to use Yondr bags

Mission:

- More access to phones during the day
- More people to open Yondr pouches
- A better, more organized system at dismissal
- Cheaper fines
- Yondr bags could be used only for punishments

Do you like the Yondr bags?

507 responses

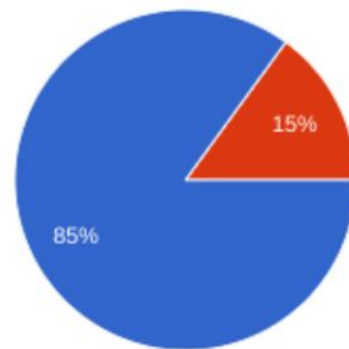


no
Yes

92% of kids don't like Yondr bags.

Do you find it difficult to get someone to open the Yondr bags at the end of the day?

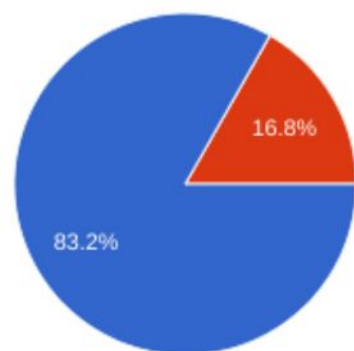
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Yes
No

85% of kids think that it's difficult to get their Yonder bags open at the end of the day.

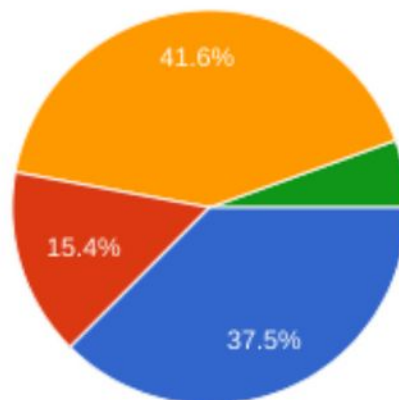
fine for the Yondr bag is too much? (\$25)



● Yes
● No

How can we improve Yondr Bags?

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● Use the Yonder Bags as a warning
● Use temporary phone pouches in the classroom
● No phone pouches or Yondr bags
● Other (Describe at the last question)

Staff Survey Responses

Do you think yondr bags work?

Overall teachers said yes because phones were a distraction in the classroom.

What are pros and cons of yonder bags to staff?

Pros: Staff members feel Yondr bags keep students from recording one another and being bullied on social media. They say students are more focused on lessons now.

Cons: Kids find other ways to use social media in class.

This is the beginning of the line of kids who have forgotten/lost their Yondr bags. Not having your bag is the worst because they take your phone at the door and you pick it up at 3.





*Students walking outside
while getting their Yondr
bags opened.*

This is where most of the
buses are, so it's the most
popular door.

Problems often start here
because of the number of
people.

A crowd forms at a different location where three people open Yondr bags. You can see the frustration on everyone's faces.





Now we have a staggered dismissal.

Teacher Quotes

"The last five minutes of class people don't pay attention because people want their phones back, causing crowds in the hallways at the end of the day."

"No it angers a lot of kids who gave a reason for kids to use their computers in a wrong way there's a lot more negative chromebook use."

"The bag doesn't, they don't lock your phones up anywhere else but here and it teaches no life skills other than how to be sneaky"

"Not being able to use their phones for notes"

Interview w/ Principal Gonzalez-Lugo

1. **Why were Yondr bags brought to the Middle School?**

They were brought into the middle school because many teachers saw a decline in class participation. The main reason was because many students were using their phones during class and not participating or engaging during their learning.

A lot of student were instigating fights because they were ready to record them

1. **Based on the New Brunswick middle school experience should Yondr bags be implemented in other districts?**

Yes, they have been in New York, McKinley (NBPS) launched and other schools are launching. They are also being launched in other places like concerts, comedy clubs, etc

1. **Many students say the \$25 fine to replace a Yondr bag is expensive? What determined the price? Is there a way to lower the repair costs?**

That's what it costs us per student going by that amount it's expensive as a whole to purchase. I would lower the price only if students stop breaking or damaging them but currently there is a high amount of broken yondr bags.

Possible Solutions: Dismissal Procedures

- Add more bag openers
 - Every teacher gets a bag opener
 - Yondr bag openers at every exit

Possible solutions: No phones in class

- Yondr bags should be used as a punishment
 - The people who gave the punishment could lock phones in pouches and students could get them unlocked at the end of the day in a central location.
 - Would have to be a system for teachers to look at student status

AND INSTEAD, FOR EVERYONE ELSE:

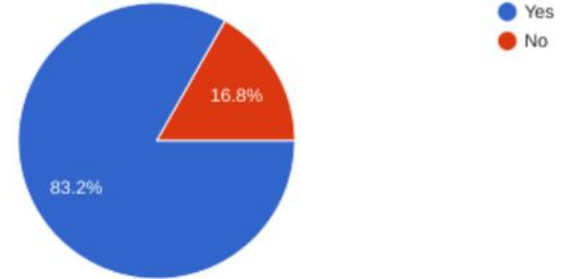
- Students could put phones in their bags and their bags should be put in the opposite side of the classroom so they are not accessible
- Students' phones could be taken away at the beginning of every class and should be allowed during lunch or free time.
- Classrooms could have pouches or baskets to keep students' phones and they can get them back at the end of class

Possible Solution: Tiered Fines

- 83.2% of students think the \$25 fine is too high.
- They are often broken by accident, though there are some people who break them on purpose, more than once.
- If people who break their bags all the time pay a higher fine each time, it will let us lower the fines for everyone else.
 - It might also stop them from breaking them on purpose.

Do you feel like the fine for the Yondr bag is too much? (\$25)

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Possible Solutions: Phones Feeding Fighting

- Punish people who record and share fight videos
 - These people should definitely have a Yondr bag at school as punishment
- Anti-Violence lessons in LCCA (our SEL homeroom)



Thank You!

Gracias