



Archimedes Academy for Math, Science & Technology Applications

Dear Parents,

In Fall 2023, we are implementing TWO school-wide policies

- Yondr/Phone Free School Program
- School Wide Uniforms

Yondr/ Phone Free School Program

In the Fall, we will be a **PHONE FREE SPACE** to improve teaching and learning using a system called Yondr. The Yondr Program utilizes a simple, secure pouch that stores a phone. Every student will secure their phone in a personally assigned Yondr pouch when they arrive at school. Students will maintain possession of their phones and will not use them until their pouches are opened at the end of the school day. Students are required to bring their Yondr pouch to and from school each day and are responsible for their pouch at all times.

Yondr Program Overview

- Pouches will be assigned to students in the Fall
- Phones will be pouched and locked upon entry
- Students in need of a pouch, will be provided one
- If there is an emergency and you would like to get in contact with your child, please reach our main office at 718-617-5046.
- F&Qs regarding further logistics are posted on our website.

School Wide Uniform Policy

Students learn best in a safe and structured environment and safety is a prerequisite for establishing a rigorous instructional environment. So that we can make decisions in the best interest of all students, **we are implementing a mandatory uniform requirement.** Wearing an Archimedes uniform also enables us to identify our students in a co-located campus in the event of an emergency. We believe that our school should look and feel unique and convey a sense of scholarly professionalism.

Uniform Policy Overview

- Uniform checks upon entry
- Loaner shirts provided when needed
- 12th grade seniors only are required to wear black
- Uniforms can be ordered online at or purchased in person the week of 8/28/2023
- F&Qs regarding further logistics are posted on our website

To best serve your child, we appreciate your full support in adoption of the Yondr Program and school-wide uniform policy at our school.

Thank you,

Audrey Connolly
Principal of Archimedes Academy



Frequently Asked Questions for Yondr Phone Free Program for 2023-2024

What is the Yondr Program?

The Yondr Program utilizes a simple, secure pouch that stores a phone. Every student will secure their phone in a personally assigned Yondr pouch when they arrive at school. Students will maintain possession of their phones and will not use them until their pouches are opened at the end of the school day. Students are required to bring their Yondr pouch to and from school each day and are responsible for their pouch at all times.

Why is Archimedes implementing this program?

Cell phone usage has been the leading distractor in our students' learning. Our students need support in refocusing their attention to instruction to maximize their learning experience. Although we believe that phones have great utility, we have found that learning and social behavior improve drastically when students are fully engaged with their teachers and classmates.

What happens in the morning when students enter the building before school?

As students enter, they will be told to pouch their phone with the pouches provided. If a student does not have their assigned pouch, then they turn in their phone.

What happens if a student is late for school?

Students who are late, will automatically be required to turn in their phone upon entry. This will encourage students to arrive at school on time. Phones will be locked and secured and returned at the end of the school day.

What if a student is using their phone during class?

Students will be required to turn their phone in to the teacher. Phone will be collected and locked.

What happens after the phone is collected?

If a student is seen using a phone, the parent/guardian will be contacted. A parent/guardian will need to come to school and retrieve the phone. Phones will not be released to students.

What happens after school?

Students who were on time and in uniform will unlock their pouches on their way out the door. Students who had to turn in their phone due to lack of uniform will receive their phone at the end of the day. Students who had their phones taken due to a violation of cell phone policy will not have their phones returned. Their parents will need to come to collect the phone.



Frequently Asked Questions for Uniform Policy for 2023-2024

What is the Archimedes School Uniform?

Students are required to wear an Archimedes shirt or sweatshirt coming Fall 2023. 12th grade seniors ONLY are allowed to wear black. Pants or shorts are to be worn at the student's waist in such a way that undergarments are not revealed. Shorts, skirts, or skorts are to be no more than two inches above the knee. Hoodies are not to be worn over the head. Gang paraphernalia is not allowed.

EXAMPLES OF UNIFORMS ALLOWED



What if my child needs a uniform?

Please contact the Parent Coordinator, Patricia Appleton at 718-617-504

You can also visit the school website and order online or purchase uniforms in person the week of 8/28/2023

What if my child does not come to school in uniform?

If your child comes to school without a uniform shirt, they will be given a uniform shirt to wear for the day. If a student needs to borrow a uniform shirt, their phone will be collected for the day to ensure the uniform shirt is returned.

What are the key components of the Archimedes Uniform?

- Pants/shorts are to be worn at the student's waist
- Gang paraphernalia is not allowed. This includes beads that may be interpreted as gang paraphernalia.
- Hoodies/hats are prohibited for safety reasons. These coverings make it difficult to identify students in an event of an emergency
- Archimedes swag is required also for safety reasons.