



Fowlerville Community Schools

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Fowlerville Community Schools is committed to creating a learning environment where every student can thrive. Beginning January 20th, we will launch the district's bell-to-bell "device free" program that reinforces its commitment to a safe, focused and engaging learning environment that maximizes instructional time and supports student well-being.

Schools that have adopted this approach have seen powerful results, including:

- improved safety and student wellness,
- increased engagement in class,
- significant academic gains including increased passing rate
- reduced behavioral referrals and increased attendance.

How the Program Works

On Tuesday at the beginning of first period, each student will be assigned a lockable pouch for storing personal devices. Students are responsible for bringing their pouch to and from school each day and keeping it in good condition.

- **Upon arrival:** Students silence their devices (i.e. phones, AirPods, smartwatches), place them in the pouch, and lock it before the start of first period.
- **During the day:** Students keep the pouch with them or in their backpack or locker.
- **At dismissal:** Students unlock pouches at designated stations to retrieve their devices.

This process is quick, simple, and will be supervised by staff as part of our daily routine. Teachers will go over [student procedures](#) in more detail with students on January 20th.

Staying Connected

With student safety as our top priority, we will follow our standard safety protocols in the event of an emergency. If you need to reach your child during the school day, please contact your school's main office and they will be sure to get you connected with your student.

We know that change takes partnership - and we're here to support a smooth transition for your family. You can find help on the "[Families](#)" page of the district website. Please scroll to the "PCD Policy Parent Information" tab there for more information. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to create a focused, present, and positive school environment for every student.