



## NJ school makes students lock up phones during classroom hours

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**PLAINFIELD, N.J. (1010 WINS)** -- There's no more texting, scrolling Instagram, or sending snaps at Maxson Middle School in Plainfield. Kids have started locking their phones in little pouches during classroom hours as part of a school-wide program started by their principal.

"We're trying to establish a cell-free zone where people talk to each other and look each other in the face," Kevin Stansbury said.

The district has a policy that requires phones to be left in lockers during the day, but that depends on kids following the rules which isn't always a guarantee. Now, the pouch program assigns each student a locked pouch that's unlocked at the end of the day. If the pilot program is successful it could be expanded to other secondary schools in the district.

"I put my personal phone in a pouch," Stansbury said. "The vice principal has her phone in a pouch. And many of our teachers have put their phones in pouches."

The pouches are made by a company called Yondr. They're primarily used at shows by entertainers who don't want to be recorded by the audience.

"We've reached a point in society where people just want a break from their device. It feels good," Kelly Taylor, a spokeswoman for Yondr, [told NJ.com](#).



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Comedians Dave Chapelle and Amy Schumer are among those who have started to require the pouches.