

10 Cyber Safety Tools, Devices and Systems

These are 10 of the currently used tools, devices and systems that schools can use to limit student mobile phone and social media use on school premises:

1. Yondr Pouches:

These are lockable pouches that students place their phones in at the start of the day. The pouches can only be unlocked with a special device at the end of the day¹.

2. Cell Phone Jammers:

These devices block mobile signals within a certain area, preventing students from using their phones². However, their use is regulated and may not be legal in all areas.

3. Classroom Charging Stations:

Teachers can provide charging stations where students must leave their phones during class. Phones are placed in airplane mode to avoid distractions³.

4. School Wi-Fi Restrictions:

Schools can configure their Wi-Fi networks to block access to social media sites and other non-educational content⁴.

5. Mobile Device Management (MDM) Software:

This software allows schools to control and monitor the use of school-issued devices, restricting access to certain apps and websites⁵.

6. Clear Phone Policies:

Establishing and enforcing clear policies regarding phone use, such as requiring phones to be kept in lockers during school hours¹.

7. Digital Detox Programs:

Programs that educate students on the benefits of reducing screen time and encourage them to voluntarily limit their phone use².

8. Classroom Management Apps:

Apps like ClassDojo or GoGuardian can help teachers monitor and manage student device usage in real-time⁴.

9. Physical Storage Solutions:

Lockers or lockable storage bins in classrooms where students can store their phones during the day³.

10. Parental Control:

Encouraging parents to use parental control apps to limit their children's phone usage during school hours⁵.

Implementing a combination of these strategies can help create a more focused and productive learning environment. Do you think any of these would work well in your school?