

Good practices and existing frameworks – Education for fraternity

Keyword: Freedom

The good that already exists

Practices (concrete actions currently in place related to the keyword)

Yondr Pouch – A tool for digital disconnection

The Yondr Pouch is a personal smartphone case that allows the device to be “locked” upon entering educational or cultural environments, making it physically unusable until the activity ends. In 2023, the Cincinnati Public Schools district (Ohio, USA) implemented this practice in 12 high schools, involving approximately 16,000 students. The goal was to improve the school climate, reduce the misuse of digital devices, and encourage more present and social interaction.

In addition to this experience, more than 1,200 U.S. schools have adopted the same solution. Data collected by school districts and national surveys has documented positive impacts on student behavior, attention, and overall school well-being.

Frameworks (How to measure success – indicators)

The framework comes from internal assessments conducted by the Cincinnati and Ramsey school districts.

Indicators for measurement

In the Cincinnati Public Schools district:

- 93% of administrators observed improved student interactions and a reduction in behavioral conflicts.
- 79% of teachers reported more effective classroom management.

In a survey of 1,200 schools participating in the Yondr program:

- 84% reported improved student engagement.

- 72% observed positive changes in student behavior.
- 68% noted an improvement in academic performance.

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