

Leadership Workshop: Establishing Phone-Free Schools

Service Overview

Koru's approach to phone-free schools goes beyond bans and restrictions toward a culture of connection and learning. This workshop series is designed to support leaders with strategies to help all educators make a positive transition to a phone-free school culture. You will learn how to create school-wide conditions, engage parents and students, support teachers, and use data to monitor and refine phone-free policies.

Who This is For

This workshop series is for school and district leaders who are responsible for implementing supportive and learning-centered smartphone-free school environments. It is ideal for the leader who cares about establishing a culture of high expectations for connection, learning, and support, in addition to positive enforcement of policy. If you hold individual or collective responsibility for implementing new policy or strengthening implementation of existing policy for phone-free schools, we encourage you to participate.

Principals
Assistant Principals

Deans
School counselors

Principal supervisors
District/charter leaders

What You Will Learn

These workshops bridge empathy and evidence, preparing you to lead the successful implementation of phone-free schools through a structured, data-informed, and community-centered approach. You will apply these topics to your school's unique context. Session activities and topics include:

- Starting with people and purpose
- Understanding current policy and implications for your school community
- Creating positive school-wide conditions
- Communicating with care to your stakeholders
- Targeted resources to support teachers
- Planning effective strategies and interventions
- Anticipating and addressing common challenges
- Using data to assess impact
- Responding to stakeholder feedback
- Revisiting and refining your policy

What To Expect

Koru workshops are focused on actionable learning. To take full advantage, plan to take action on the concepts you learn in the weeks between workshop days one and two.

Learn Workshop Day 1	Apply ~6 weeks independent work	Reflect & Plan Workshop Day 2
Understand current policy Assess school-wide readiness Establish best practices	Take action, applying strategies and best practices from workshop day 1 Collect data	Receive feedback on your efforts Measure progress, assess impact Anticipate common challenges

How To Enroll

We offer the following options for enrolling in Establishing Phone-Free Schools:

Open Enrollment Virtual	Custom Engagement Onsite or Virtual
Individuals or teams can enroll to participate in a live Zoom workshop series with a diverse cohort of educators across the country. Click here for dates and enrollment information.	For districts or school systems who would like to enroll a group of individuals, we work together to customize a scope of work and identify dates. Click here to schedule a conversation.

Contact Us

Questions about Establishing Phone-Free Schools?
Feedback about future session topics you'd like to see?
Please contact Carolyn Chen, Chief Relationship Officer, at cchen@korustrategy.com.

Feedback

“Creating system-wide buy-in from students is one of our top challenges in implementing a phone-free school.”

- Superintendent

“Consistent staff participation and enforcement are key areas where we need support.”

- Superintendent

“I believe having consistent cell phone expectations is beneficial to the learning community.”

- Asst Superintendent