

Dinner with the Board

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QUESTION 1 What are the primary benefits of having cell phone access at school for teachers, administrators, & students? What are the challenges?

BENEFITS:

Communication tool

- emergencies
- sports

Educational tools

- ref. search
- calculator
- note taking

School is a good place to learn how to use technology appropriately

School projects

Organizational/Educational Reasons

- translator apps
- medical needs
- Timers (for ADHD etc)
- calendars
- tasks

Some students also work & need cell phones to handle it.

Convenience

Parents can track kids

Positive Connections
- with peers, parents

Health benefits

Safety

used in Work Program

CHALLENGES:

Privacy

Distraction in classroom
- notifications even when put away

Not all kids are responsible enough

Appropriate use issues

Socialization issues

Kids not knowing how to communicate

Mental health

Challenge to being productive

Cheating

Age level differences

Social media
- anxiety
- depression

Bullying

too much access to communication
- distraction

Coming up with and enforcing policies will be difficult

Experience blocker
- focused on phones not each other

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QUESTION 2 Would you support a policy that enacts a completely cell-phone free environment in all schools? How would such a policy impact our school environments?

