

Engagement Summary

Seneca Valley School District
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When it comes to student use of personal smartphones/smart devices in the school environment, what concerns you the most?



PARTICIPATION

Breakdown of Participation



1,103
Participants



808
Thoughts



19,682
Ratings



PARTICIPATION

Breakdown of Participation




Grade level of your child(ren); select all that apply:



1048

Responses

%		Answer <i>(Multiple select)</i>
10%	(110)	Kindergarten
12%	(126)	Grade 1
14%	(149)	Grade 2
15%	(154)	Grade 3
17%	(177)	Grade 4
16%	(171)	Grade 5
14%	(142)	Grade 6
13%	(134)	Grade 7
14%	(150)	Grade 8
15%	(156)	Grade 9
12%	(130)	Grade 10
12%	(125)	Grade 11
9%	(94)	Grade 12



PARTICIPATION

Breakdown of Participation




Building your children/child attend/s (select all that apply):



1035

Responses

%		Answer <i>(Multiple select)</i>
11%	(117)	Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School
14%	(145)	Ehrman Crest Elementary School
11%	(115)	Haine Elementary School
8%	(84)	Rowan Elementary School
10%	(103)	Ehrman Crest Middle School
8%	(78)	Haine Middle School
22%	(224)	Ryan Gloyer Middle School
22%	(226)	Seneca Valley Intermediate High School
18%	(188)	Seneca Valley Senior High School
2%	(20)	Seneca Valley Academy of Choice



THOUGHTS

Key Thoughts



I'm concerned about cyber bullying. These devices have cameras that make it possible to take pictures of other students that can be edited to bully or damage to others' reputations.

4.5  (15 )

Ranked #1 of 808

Recordings of others without knowledge or permission. Things can be taken out of context and the whole story can be altered.

4.4  (29 )

Ranked #2 of 808

I don't want them using social platforms during school hours I feel that it is a distraction to their learning

4.4  (21 )

Ranked #3 of 808



THOUGHTS

Bullying



I'm concerned about cyber bullying. These devices have cameras that make it possible to take pictures of other students that can be edited to bully or damage to others' reputations.

4.5  (15 )

Cyber bullying it's bad

4.4  (19 )

Bullying , not staying on tasks, strangers Shouldn't be used during school

4.3  (33 )



THOUGHTS

Paying Attention



the fact that they are not paying attention to what they're learning in class they should be learning while in school, they have enough time outside of school to be on their phone

4.4  (20 )

That it could be a distraction from learning The student would not be paying attention to the teacher.

4.3  (16 )

Distracting Takes away from paying attention to the teacher

4.2  (32 )



THOUGHTS Social Media



Social media Just the constant viewing seeing negative items is not healthy. Plus it gives students the avenue to be brutal while hiding behind a cell phone

4.3  (31 )

Inappropriate use of social media, taking photos without permission, etc. I firmly believe that without proper supervision, social media becomes a platform for bullying, etc.

4.3  (29 )

I am concerned that my child is too consumed by social media and is not concentrating on learning during school. High School is an important time for children to learn and try new opportunities. I feel allowing them to access during school hours is detrimental.

4.3  (18 )



THOUGHTS Class



It can be a distraction in school. Students should focus on class and teachers instead of their phones.

4.3  (32 )

They should not be using smart phones during class time. So they can actually learn something

4.3  (24 )

They are distraction. Student phones should be for emergency use only and should not be available for them to use during class.

4.3  (15 )



THOUGHTS

Inappropriate Content



Distraction, explicit or inappropriate things being shared. There is no need for phones in the classroom

4.3  (16 )

Inappropriate content can and is being shared... Children are able to bypass school wifi regulations and blocks by being on a cellular network. The school will let you know if there is an emergency and your child can go to the office to call home - so why even have the distraction?

4.2  (27 )

I worry that it will be a distraction to my child's learning. I also worry that they would use it inappropriately and it may cause bullying issues. Children already spend too much time on technology and may feel pressured by peers to use it inappropriately.

4.2  (23 )



THOUGHTS

Learning Distraction



I don't want them using social platforms during school hours I feel that it is a distraction to their learning

4.4  (21 )

I am concerned about how they affect the way students learn and retain information. Also how much they distract from the learning environment. It's important we have a future generation that is well educated, thoughtful and creative. Smartphones can get in the way of the learning process.

4.4  (20 )

Unnecessary distractions They are there to learn.

4.3  (25 )



THOUGHTS Time



I'm concerned that there are many times that phones are being used during class time for non-educational purposes, mostly at the high school level. I wouldn't want having a phone/smart device to take away from learning,

4.3  (19 )

They are spending too much time on the personal devices. They aren't focused on learning because the phones are a distraction.

4.2  (31 )

Kids will be distracted by other applications and not focus on the work. It can take time away from their learning and there is no parental oversight.

4.2  (30 )



THOUGHTS Children



Addiction. They are so absorbed in their cell phones they aren't enjoying life. There too much exposure to things we as parents cannot monitor. Our children are not learning about the real world.

4.3  (24 )

Social development is an important aspect to public education. When students are on their phones it hinders this. I want my children to problem solve, not text me in the middle of the day. I want study halls to be for studying, not youtube watching.

4.2  (33 )

Children get caught up on social media and it takes over their day. My children watch others phones, socialize, listen to music and watch videos, also play hours of Minecraft during school hours at school.

4.2  (32 )



THOUGHTS

Kids Phones



It is not necessary to their education advancement. It is a distraction to their learning and often increases social drama between kids Many kids are lacking the ability to communicate with each other, respect others and look someone in the eye when they are speaking.

4.3  (30 )

Bullying and gossip that spreads and has no truth to it. That kids jump on the bandwagon of unsubstantiated information. Kids need to learn to research things before they believe them or learn what empathy means and what it feels like to be the person

4.2  (33 )

Kids recording or taking pictures then posting on social media or sharing with friends. It's another way to bully and embarrass other kids.

4.2  (31 )



THOUGHTS Phones



Some need phone to contact parents, use should be limited. Check in morning, lunch, end of day. No games or social @ school. No use at recess. No way to monitor what is viewed & shared w/ others. Kids on phones instead of socializing. Distraction for teachers.

4.3  (16 )

Being able to use your phone in school for music and social media is highly distracting Kids have a hard time focusing when they have access to their phones during school. It is just a distraction when they should be learning.

4.2  (16 )

Students should not be on their phones during class time unless the teacher specifically tells them it's OK to do so. Teachers shouldn't have to compete with cell phones for students' attention - they work hard enough already, and phones are an unnecessary distraction

4.2  (15 )



DIFFERENCES

Distraction From Learning | Emergency and Time [252 | 198]



A and B rated high

Concerns about student use of personal smartphones and smart devices in school primarily revolve around bullying, not staying on tasks, and distractions. Several responses highlight the prevalence of cyberbullying, inappropriate content sharing, and recording or posting on social media without consent. Students often prioritize phone use over in-person socializing, negatively impacting their mood and behavior. There are also issues with gossip spreading misinformation. The consensus is that smartphones should be used respectfully, preferably not during class unless permitted, to avoid these detrimental effects on student health and safety.



A and B rated low

Respondents expressed concern about students losing



A rated high, B rated low

Respondents express concerns that personal smartphones and smart devices in the school environment lead to distractions from learning and classroom engagement. They emphasize that students should focus on schoolwork rather than social media, texting, or other non-educational activities. Additionally, allowing phones creates pressure on children who do not possess such devices. Overall, there is a consensus that phones should not be allowed during school hours to ensure that students concentrate on education and learn directly from their teachers.



A rated low, B rated high

The responses mainly indicate that parents are not overly concerned with students having smartphones in



DIFFERENCES

Paying Attention | Concerned About Personal [434 | 100]



A and B rated high

Respondents primarily expressed concerns about smartphones being a significant distraction from learning and classroom engagement. They emphasized that students should only use devices for emergencies or not at all during class times. Additional concerns included addiction to smartphones, inappropriate use for bullying or taking unauthorized photos/videos, and the impact on socialization. There was a shared sentiment that smartphones should be restricted to promote focus on education and the development of interpersonal relationships, with limited allowance during breaks for personal use.



A and B rated low

Concerns include the cost and accessibility of personal devices, as not all students have access to the same



A rated high, B rated low

Respondents expressed concerns about students' personal smartphone use in school primarily due to distractions from instruction, missing assignments, and diminished engagement with teachers and peers. Issues related to mental health and well-being, cyberbullying, and social media exposure were also mentioned. Additionally, worries about students' inability to interact face-to-face and not being kind to others while using devices were highlighted. Overall, respondents emphasized the negative impact on students' focus, learning, social interactions, and mental health.



A rated low, B rated high

Concerns about student use of personal smartphones/smart devices in schools vary. Some



DIFFERENCES

Focus On Learning | Safeguards In Place [366 | 75]



A and B rated high

Concerns predominantly focus on the distractions smartphones pose to students' learning and their potential to facilitate bullying through social media. Specific issues mentioned include misuse during class, inappropriate content exposure, social drama, disrespect, detrimental effects on communication skills, and life-altering impacts of bullying. There is a general consensus that while limited usage during breaks is acceptable, smartphones in the classroom undermine educational advancement and the development of interpersonal skills.



A and B rated low

Some respondents expressed no concerns regarding student use of personal smartphones in the school environment. Others questioned the appropriate



A rated high, B rated low

Concerns about student use of personal smartphones and smart devices in schools include distractions from learning, dependency on screens, excessive screen time, lack of parental oversight, and limited socialization. Specific issues highlighted are the potential misuse of devices for non-educational purposes, recording others without consent, negative development impacts due to constant social media access, and decreased face-to-face communication and problem-solving skills.



A rated low, B rated high

Many respondents expressed minimal concern regarding student use of personal smartphones/smart devices in the school environment, citing existing district safeguards as sufficient.



WRAP UP Next Steps



Thanks for participating

We'll be carefully considering what we learned and sharing our actions back with you.