

Cell Phone Use -Parents/Guardians Survey

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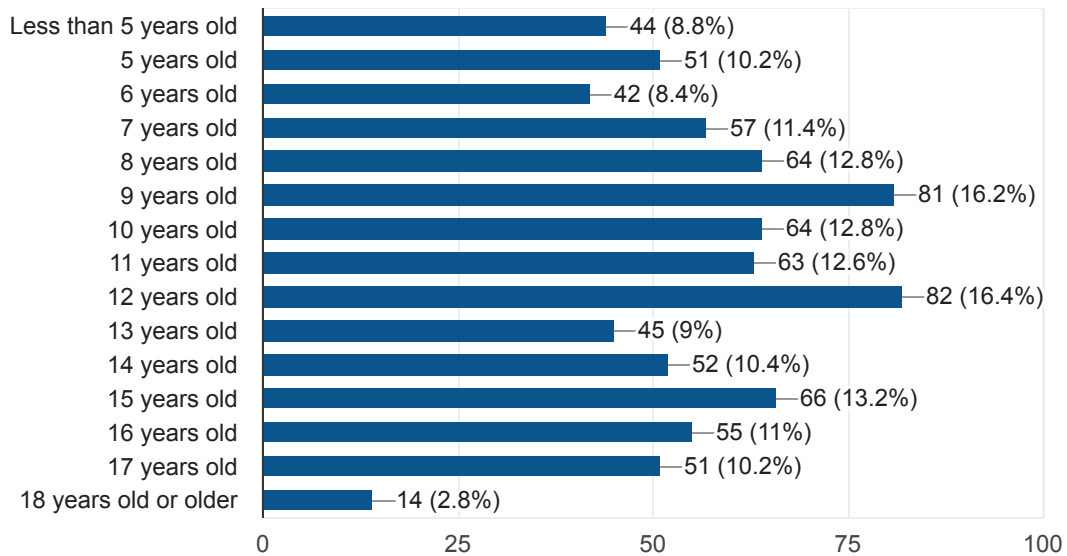
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What are the current age(s) of your child(ren) attending MRH Schools or recent graduate(s)? Choose ALL that apply.



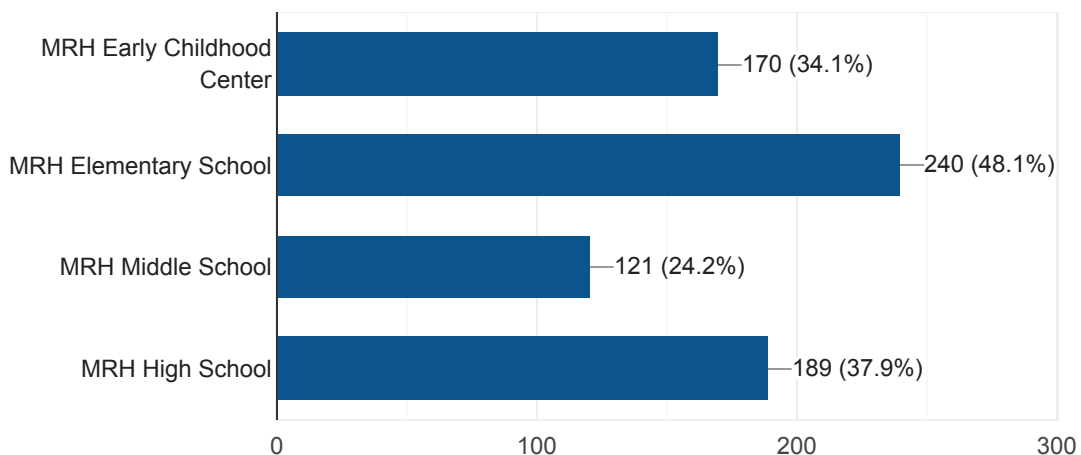
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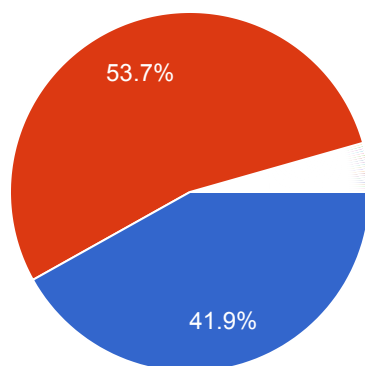
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Do all of your children have cell phones?

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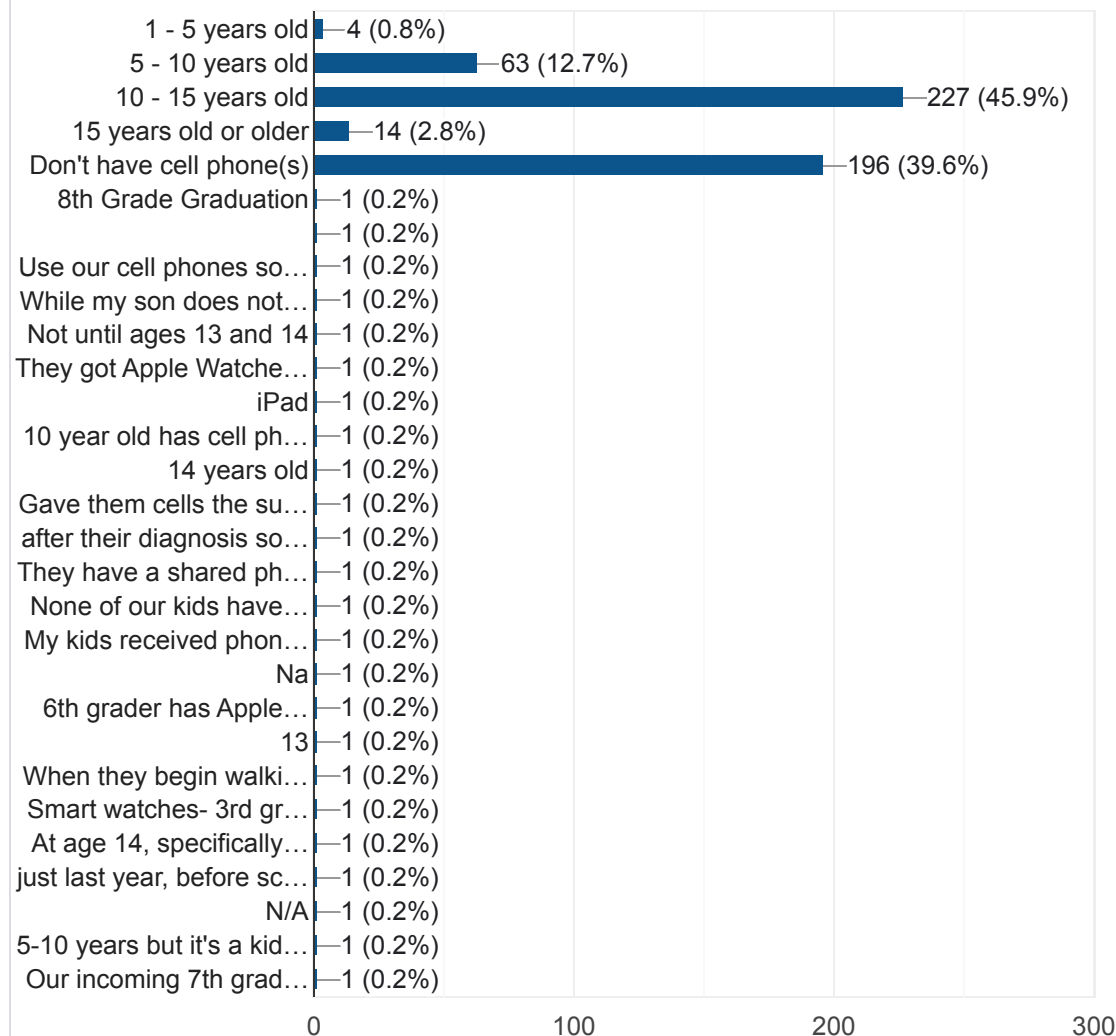
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- The older two do, ages 16 an...
- 13yo has a phone
- Older one does, younger doe...
- Apple Watches
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At what age did your child(ren) first receive a cell phone? Choose ALL that apply.

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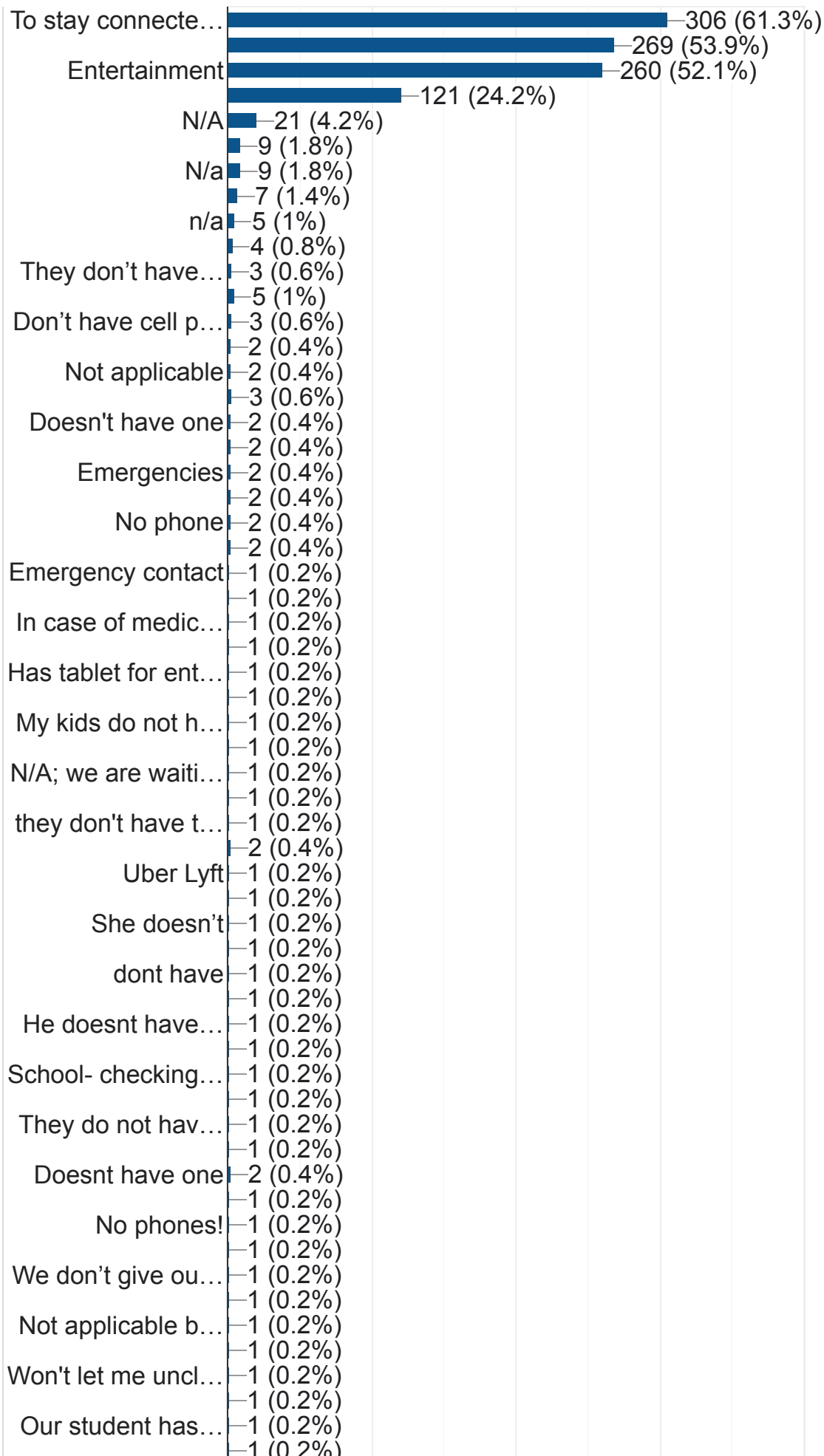


How do your child(ren) use their cell phones? Choose ALL that apply.

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Feel free to share any other comments or concerns you have in relation to cell phone usage at your child's school.

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I would rather my child not use his cell phone at school. Although I worry about emergency situations; I wouldn't want him to not have a phone then.

My wife and I are both teachers. In both of our experiences (I'm high school, shes middle school) we've found cell phones to be the single biggest impediment to student learning, student safety, and the main tool used for bullying. We are both completely in favor of complete bans on cell phones on school grounds.

I don't think students should have cell phones during school hours

I think my son having his phone in his bookbag is good enough. Only to be used for emergencies.

It's the most important thing in his world. Most of the time it's not a problem, but when it is... oof.

I need my child to have her cell phone because she walks to/from school, but I don't see any reason they would need to be on it or use it during school.

I'm very grateful that this is being taken seriously. We plan to do no cell phones until they are at least teenagers and we are not doing tablets either. We are trying hard to find the balance of screen time that is fun and connecting as a family, and we will be staying away from solo usage and video games as much as possible

She uses her cell phone to keep in contact with me for emergency emergencies or requests

If a child has an emergency they should have access to phone to call parent. No cell is needed in school. You have not defined the term "cell phone management" in relation to school hours therefore I cannot answer the last question correctly and chose the middle answer on this required question.

Take them away when they enter the school and give back at end of day.

More than one of my children have been failed and not kept safe by this school district and I do not feel comfortable with my kids not having direct contact with trusted adults when needed. As much as I'm sure all the adults at the school want to be trustworthy, that isn't how reality has played out.

I don't think they need their phone out unless it's a emergency



I do agree that cell phones should not be used during the school day. However, I don't feel like this policy will help enough if we are providing personal devices (chromebooks, etc.) to kids and instructing them to use them. My biggest concern right now as a mom of a preschool is the access to electronic devices in K-6. I hope the district will consider revising those policies as well.

I don't believe children under 12 years old should have a cell phone or access to social media

It is good for him to have a cellphone at school in case of emergency. He can tell me

Developing responsible device management has become part of social development!

minimizing distraction while still allowing for use for emergencies is a good idea, in my opinion.

I do believe that children should have their cell phones, to be able to access at any given time. But not during instructional class time. The teacher should state to a child or student to put their cell phone away, but it should not be confiscated or taken away from them unless they don't do so when asked.

I don't see individual smart phones being a benefit to the school environment in any way. I do feel for the kiddos with anxiety who now feel they have to have their phones to get ahold of their parents, but I believe it damages school community and a sense of belonging. Cyber bullying is unacceptable and smartphones contribute to that. Attention is down and kids are constantly thinking about checking their phones. It's a distraction.

My elementary school student does not bring his cell phone to school. My high school student does, however, uses it responsibly. But my understanding is there are many students that do not and are constantly on their phones. Some teachers can control it, some teachers cannot. Consistency Across the board would be nice, making sure to not be too restrictive in case of any kind of emergency.

A policy that strikes a balance between limiting access to social media but allowing for communication with family, caregivers, basic logistics (depending on age), and safety. It would be helpful if the school cell phone policy was provided at the top of the survey. I don't know the policy because my child is too young for this to be relevant. A policy that transitioned over time to only permitting phone with basic functions could be explored but shouldn't be mandatory all at once.

We believe restricting cell phones as much as possible during school time is a good policy

My child is still young and we haven't started the cell phone conversation yet. All I can say is I know if we all agree phones are not good for kids then no kids will care if they don't have one if their friends don't. We shouldn't allow kids to become addicted to these devices.



I do not want my older two children to get in trouble accessing their phone outside of actual class time. Both have anxiety, being able to reach their parents when they want/need to is important. .

We think cell phones should be turned off upon entrance to school and carried in off mode. And then can be turned on when the last class ends.

My child's phone is locked down to only use certain apps and contacts during the school day

At the HS level I feel like restricting cell phone usage should correlate with individual students class performance. If their grades are trash, no phone. If grades are good, what's the problem? Something else to keep in mind, with all the restrictions built into students chromebooks massive amounts of pertinent information may be unavailable without the use of their phones.

I think schools should have strict polies (that are enforced) about cell phone usage. Phones are a major distraction not only from learning new material but also engaging in meaningful social interactions. I think they should be put away during school hours

I have a setting for "school mode" so he can not send or receive calls or texts EXCEPT from me and we have a rule that we don't text/call each other during 'school mode' unless it's an emergency.

I'm ok with not having cell phones at school

I feel like each building with different age groups require different policies. By the time students are in High School they should hopefully more responsible and be allowed to have their phones unless it is becoming a distraction. We have discussions with our children on the non appropriate use of cell phones in school. That being said, I do not want additional burdens placed on teachers. I do not believe this is something the State of Missouri should regulate. This is something that should be decided with each districts' stakeholders (Admin, teachers, parents and students)

_____ has to take her phone to school everyday in case she need to call me and for safety reasons. There has been times when _____ has gone to the nurse because she wasn't feeling well, but the nurse did not call me or allow _____ to. By _____ having a phone she can call me whenever she needs to.

Prefer not to allow at school

Ban phones at school! If my kid needs to get ahold of me, she still can. I have heard several reports from my kids of students actually watching porn during class. Not okay!

Cell phones are detrimental to learning and socialization. The tighter the policy, the easier it will be to hold off on getting phones for our child.



I support a strict NO Cell Phone policy while school is in session.

Ideally, I'd like the students to have access to phones in between classes, and at lunch/breaks/study hall.

I think limiting cell phone usage while students are in school makes sense. They can store their phones away in a bag or locker until the end of the day.

I would prefer that my students do not use their phones while at school

I support a no cell phone policy at school. It's distracting for both learners and teachers.

My child doesn't have to use their phone for school. It is convenient for them, but I would prefer less access to phones while at school. They already have chrome books. My child has difficulties with distractions and focus-having access to the phone does not help at school. I would really like there to be a universal response to phones in every class.

Distraction

I think they should have their phones with them and left in their book bags

We felt strongly that the benefits did not outweigh the cost for our children to have a phone before age 13/14. and that it is a distraction and unnecessary during the school day.

We'll try to keep ours from having cell phones (or at least smart phones) until at least high school. We imagine them having a smart watch or something where they can send essential texts/calls prior to that.

Having a cell phone at school is a vital safety tool for both pick up and drop off as well as communicating during emergency situations.

I plan to defer giving my child a cell phone for as long as possible, until at least driving age

Should only be allowed for emergency situations.

Fully support a "No Cell Phones at School" policy. I have been asking for this to happen for years.

I have two concerns in particular: 1) that he is not allowing his phone to be a distraction that keeps him or others from learning, and 2) he is not over-indulging in screen time and losing the opportunity for face-to-face time with his peers and staff.

They should only be used after school or in cases of emergencies to ensure they won't cause distractions from learning.



I support use of lock box/bags instead of keeping them in their backpack/locker. I was part of the Anxious Generation book study and it really convinced me that phones have no place in schools

I trust my children

I feel like phones should not be out during class

Phones are good as long as they aren't used to cheat. Just because one person cheats with their phone, doesn't mean everyone loses phone privileges.

Bullying and overall distractions from real life.

It has been an ongoing issue and has exacerbated academic challenges with his lack of focus

Students should be allowed to carry them, but not be in them in class.

In my opinion students should only be allowed to use their cell phones during lunch and emergencies.

NA

I prefer they don't have them. I see the distraction at home and have to force disengagement. The only reason I even allow is for emergency reason, however turns into much more at school.

I think it would be great for MS & HS students to have the cell phones at school but have teachers using the locked pockets during learning time. Ask Dr. Walker how he does it, he has the most respect with my kids regarding interactions with phones at school.

If they aren't already, I beseech the board: do whatever you have to in order to ban them at MRHE.

I don't have any concerns at the high school level regarding phone usage. I trust my high schooler to only use her phone when needed for classwork or during breaks/non-instruction time. For my child in Elementary, she is not allowed to bring her phone to school, and I hope that is made a policy. I don't see why kids at the Elementary would need phones at school.

Rules regarding cellphones in class/school should be reinforced.

Cell phones do not belong at school. Children do not need cell phones. Also- the below question is very unclear. Are we ranking if we agree with current policy? Or if we agree with proposed restrictions? If so, what are those restrictions? I'm answering with 3 purely because the question is unclear. I don't believe student cellphones should be allowed in school.



Do not allow smart phone usage in schools, too distracting from learning.

I am worried about being able to connect with my child during the school day(s). A lot of times she connects with me when frustrated or to make plans for after school. I can also make sure she gets to school safely. I can also send reminders through out the day. It will cut down on bullying issues related to cell phones, though. It will also increase class participation. I hate that schools can't create systems for students to have in place to prevent such a drastic bill. I also worry about safety during the school day inside the building. How can students call 911 if there is an active shooter, or provide details during such an event etc?

I think they should be completely taken away or banned.

I'd be happy if they did not use phones at all in school.

Kids don't need cell phones at school. It's a distraction at best and a tool for complete social isolation at worst. If it were up to me, I'd say that kids who do have phones should have them locked up from the moment they enter the school building until they walk out the door to come home.

We strongly think MRH should be a cellphone-free school district.

Does not use phone at school and it should not be on or out at school

My kids are undeniably distracted by and distracting with their phones. I'm also worried about how they fuel surveillance culture, particularly among peers, and the ease with which silly or stupid teenage behavior can become part of a permanent record online without their or my consent. That said, I know my kids do use their phones for legitimate learning tasks so I think there needs to be a conversation about how to complete tasks without phones and about the natural course of failure in pursuit of learning.

Student should not have usages to cell phone while at school 40 years ago there were no cell phone in school just the phone in classroom and office

I think it is up to the parents when children get a cell phone. I agree they do not need to be used during class time but see no harm during breaks and they provide safety and a form of communication for students getting to and from school alone.

While our kid is young, we would be more likely to stay in the Maplewood district if they didn't allow phones at school. This is a large contributing factor in the direction we go with school choices and kid phones to negatively impact learning and social skills.

Phones are a huge distraction and also the source of much drama throughout the day. Often students ask to use the restroom so they can spend time on their phones. This takes away instructional time. I look forward to a more streamlined policy this year and desire that all staff ask students to place their phones in a holder when they enter the classroom.



Dorian is to not have his phone in the class room, only for emergencies

Ensuring that all students are engaged in learning activities for the full duration of the class period will help reduce phone use

She has a smart watch not a smart phone. Her watch is meant to keep my wife and I connected to her in case of an emergency.

I don't have concerns personally about cell phone usage or restricting it. I think it may be a hardship for some families. I hope to continue to have him use a smart watch with a plan so he can contact us if needed.

A few of my older children have mental health and physical health conditions. They need to be able to get a hold of parents in that emergency.

Safety.

I worry that the phones distract from learning and schoolwork, but also the chance for face-to-face interaction and the need to hone those interpersonal skills.

Happy to see cell phones out of the classroom this year!

I'm glad the district is thinking about this and wonder if a policy/approach like the one in Jennings, which seems promising.

I don't think kids should be able to use phones during school. They are addictive and distracting.

My children are young but as a high school educator (speech-language pathologist), I feel very strongly about restricting cell phones during the educational day. Cell phones are a distraction and hinder the learning of students. The implications of mental health and students social emotional well being are outstanding. I am happy that schools are taking these initiatives and am 100% in agreement that cell phones are unhealthy for our young learners.

I am currently reading The Anxious Generation and am supportive of all efforts to reduce cell phone and social media use in schools.

I don't think students should be using cell phones during school hours at all.

Strict policy in the classroom is preferred

I appreciate the staff's efforts to keep the kids from having phones active in classes. We use family link. The phone is only able to make phone calls to parents during the day hours. I wish there was better security and less distractions from their Chromebook. I wish a lot of homework would go back toward writing or checking off multiple choice answers, instead of



Chromebook. All that said, we appreciate you very much, and feel the staff at mrh are doing a fantastic job in general. General. Thank you for being so caring for our kids

I thinks student should be allowed theirs cellphone in school. However each grade level should have differnt rules. Example. I thunk stydent that ride the bus should be able to have a cell phone or tracking devices thus helps parents to know where their child is. Also if they are going to after-school programs for communication. Also unfortunately the world we live in cellphones are useful in emergency. I would make it a requirmenrs that phones are on a lock or down time setting during sxhool hours which oarents can control. Student can inly use phone for emergency use.

None

In my opinion, children's cell phone usage at schools is a relatively small concern. The world has bigger fish to fry.

I think, ideally, we'd keep phones out of schools

I would prefer cell phones not be used during class. My kids are young but I'm shocked that cell phones are allowed in classrooms.

Very happy with the school's decision. Kids need to focus on learning.

My older children have watch phones, with only voice and messaging options. The basic Gab watch phones. They are just for safety purposes. We would prefer to not get a cell phone for them until age 14 or 15 but feel pressure because all of his peers have phones, or borrow parent's cell phones when around the neighborhood.

166 more responses are hidden

Do you agree with MRH's efforts to help our students make better use of class time through the use of cell phone management while at school?

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