

Cell Phone Use MRH Student Survey

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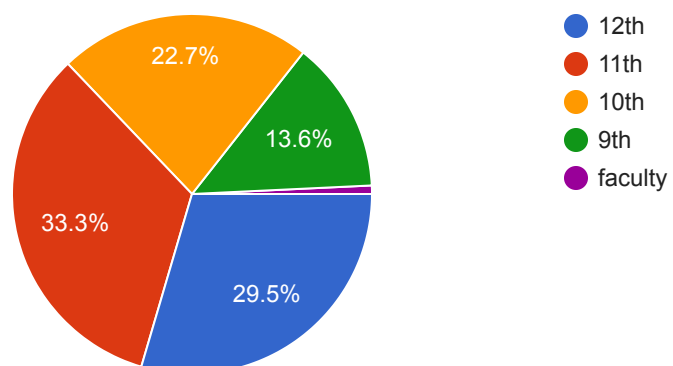
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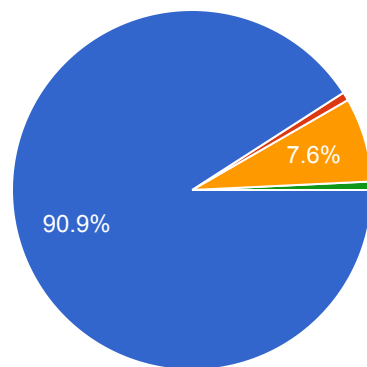
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Do you carry a cell phone to school?

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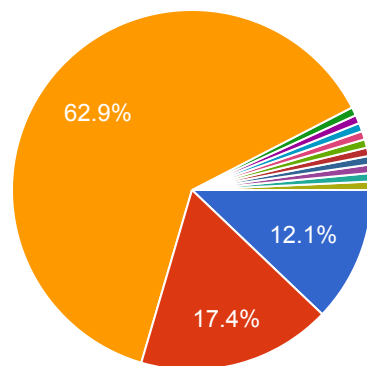


- Yes
- No
- Sometimes
- I carry an ipad.

Do you use your cell phone in the classroom?

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- Yes
- No
- Sometimes
- headphones when possible. (...)
- For emergency to contact par...
- For spodifi and music
- I only ever use my phone for...
- If I have finished all my class...

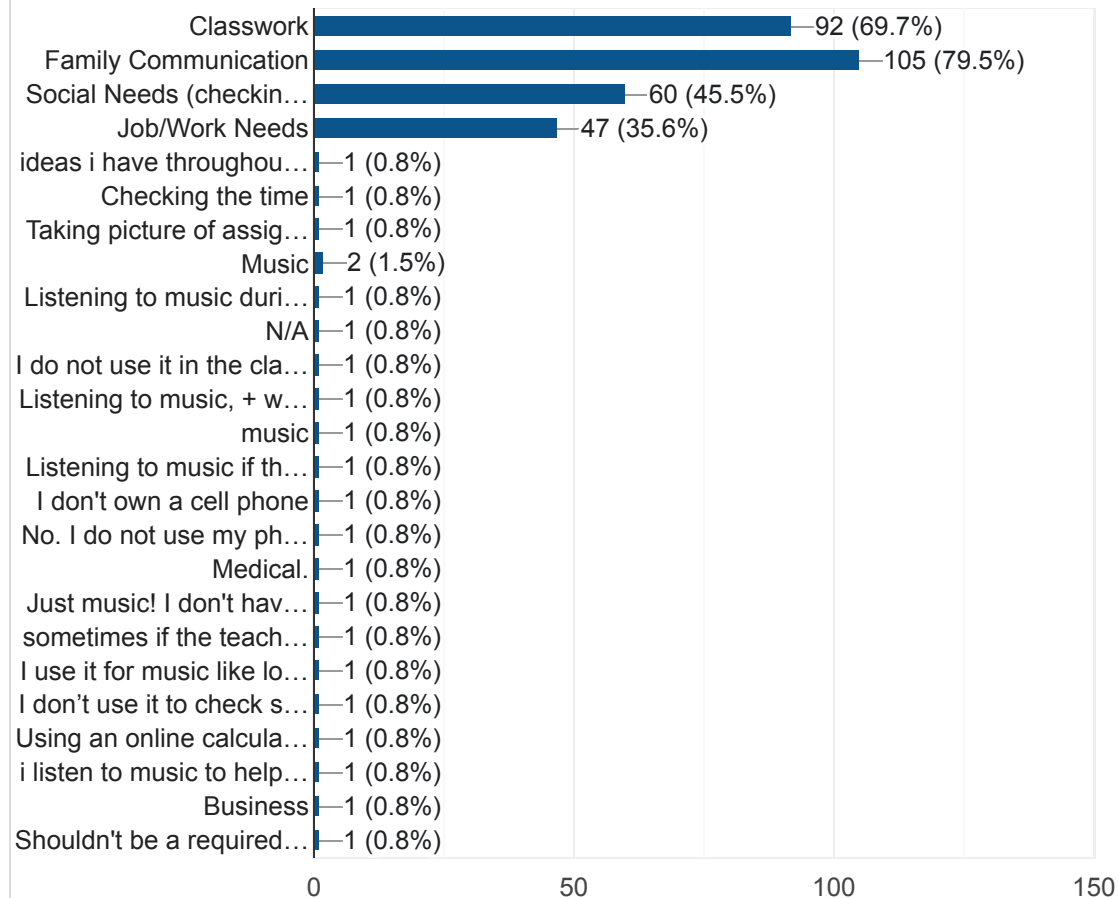
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If you do use your cell phone in the classroom, what are you using it for?
(Check all that apply)

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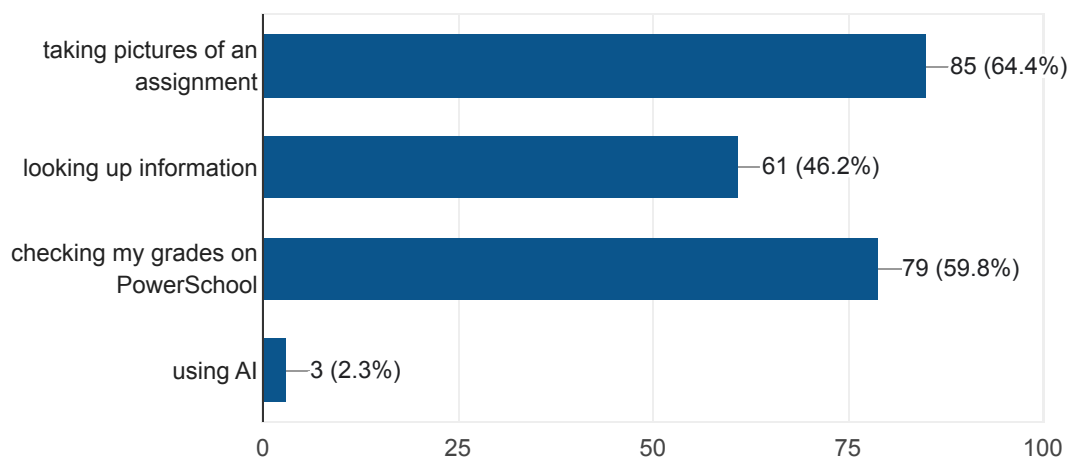
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If you use your cell phone in the classroom for classwork, what type of work are you doing on your phone?

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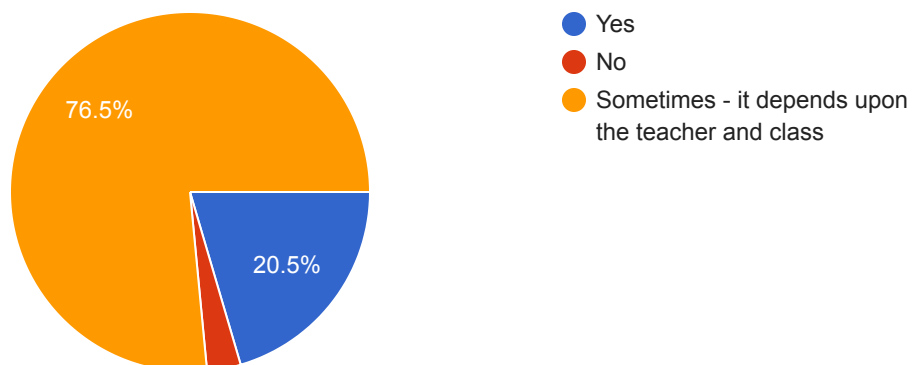
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Does your school require you to put away your cell phone during the school day?

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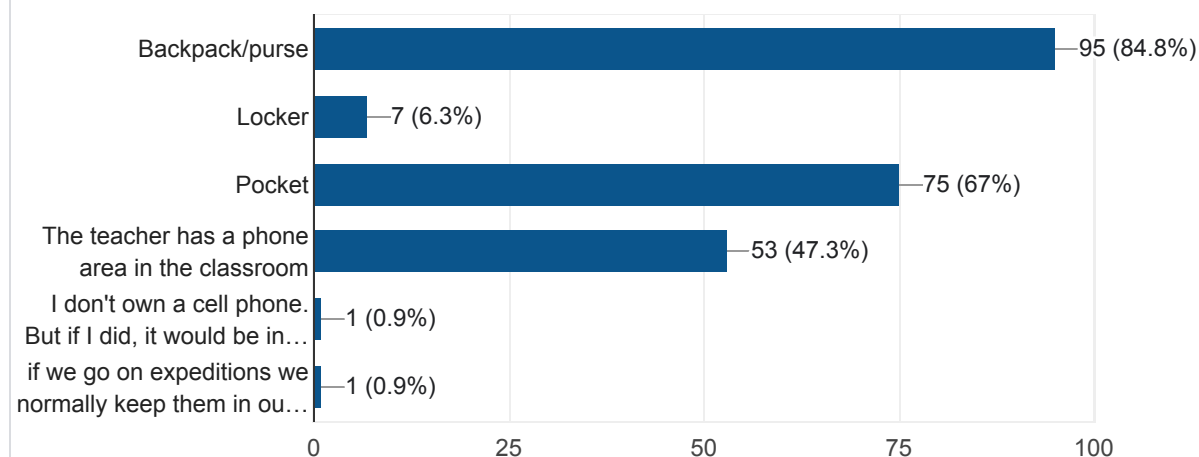
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If you answered "Yes" to the question above, where do you usually keep your phone during the school day? (Check all that apply)

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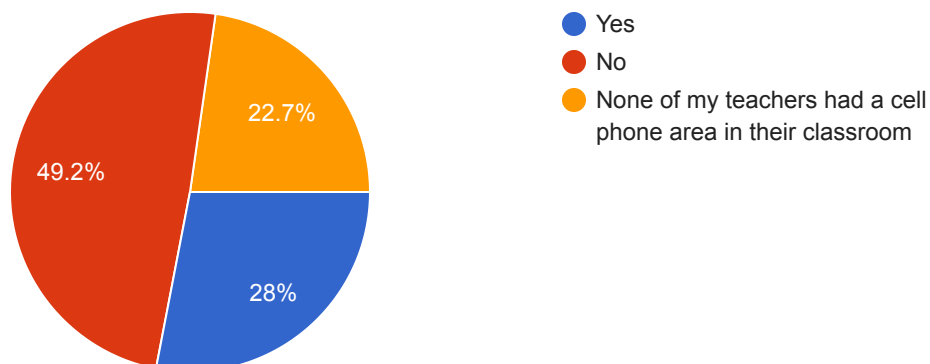
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If your teacher has a cell phone area in their classroom, do you find that you are less distracted by your cell phone during class?

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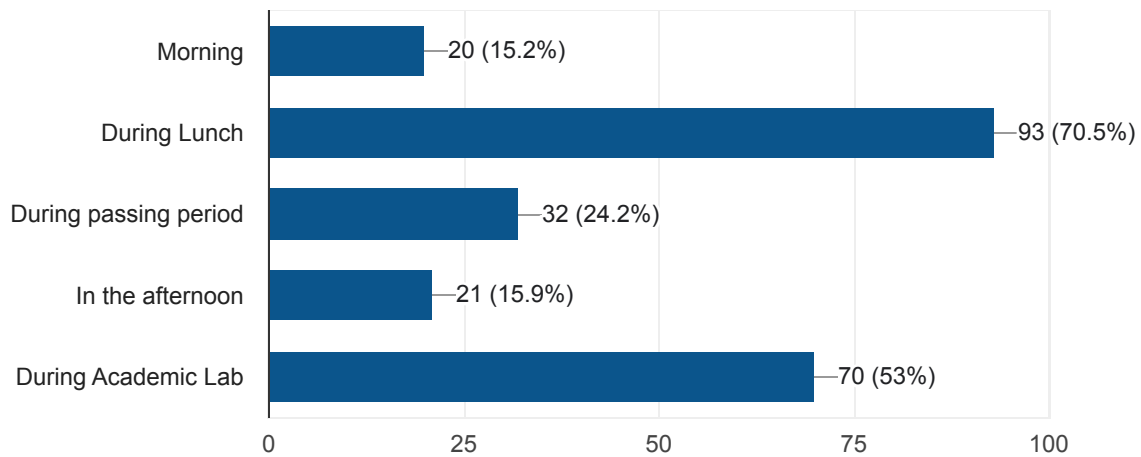


What time of the day do you spend the most time on your cell phone?

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(Check all that apply)

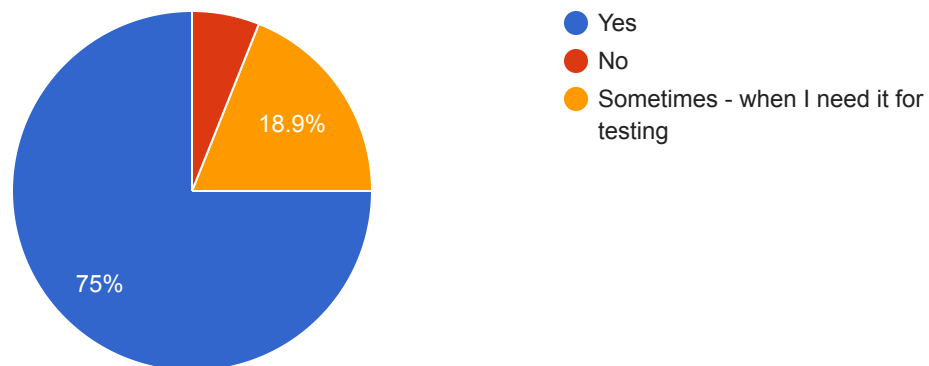
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Do you use your school issued Chromebook at school?

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If you don't use your school issued Chromebook at school, why not?

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I do use it

I do

I use it

N/A

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I use my school issued Chromebook

n/a

I use mine

N/a

I use it.

i do

i do use one

I like my MacBook better.

i use it

I use my Chromebook at school.

I do use

I have my personal computer

I have my own computer

I like to use my Macbook more because the Chromebooks are very slow and laggy.



Huh

Because I like using a MacBook - it runs faster and bigger screen

ew

NA

i do use it

I dont

I use my school issued Chromebook.

Because Chromebooks are slow, overly annoying to use, people mess with them, restrictive in terms of academic capabilities (such as multitasking research with videos or articles, writing with resources and sources). Their sole purpose is as a glorified web browser, not an actual computer.

I do

I have a school issued chromebook.

Personal laptop

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I have my own laptop

i use one

I have a Macbook that I personally find easier to use than the school issued chromebooks.

Paper work

I have my own laptop.

I do.

i use my school issued Chromebook

Forgot to bring to school

macbook



I use my chromebook

z

I have a personal computer for debate that I use

null

That never happens.

I do use my chromebook

I use my Chromebook at school.

I use my chromebook.

My personal computer runs way better.

I feel like when it comes to looking up more information for a assignment most of the websites are blocked on the chormebooks especially youtube.

cs i don't need it its buns

I do use it, this should be an optional question.

I use my school Chromebook

I prefer my personal computer as I'm more comfortable with its functions and is able to run the same programs as a school laptop

I use my Chromebook

My personal laptop has a wider screen (easier viewing) and has been personalized to make schoolwork and other things like that easier for me.

The school laptop is slower

Idk

i like mine better

My past classes did not use it at all, and the issued Chromebooks barely function as a basic computer anyway. They're redundant. Our schools needing better computers is a whole separate discussion.



i do unless i forget it i do my work on paper (printed out)

I do use my Chromebook.

I do it.

Some people have computers that work way better, of course they're going to use those.

My personal computer is faster. I also use it for debate/mock trial and don't want to carry around two computers.

I use debate computers

I prefer my laptop

I do use it

They are slow, and block a lot of important websites.

I do use it.

I have another computer that I need to use for debate

I have a personal computer that works way better and is substantially faster than school computers

i do

I have a computer that performs functions for extracurriculars and personal projects that also can process school material faster than my Chromebook.

I do use my school issued Chromebook but this question was mandatory.

Because it's crappy I only use it if I'm assigned class work but usually I just log on my desktop at home

because the chromebooks are slow

Shouldn't be a required question.

I have a computer that uses word for debate, if I do not have that then I will use the chromebooks.



I use my chromebook when its supposed to be used

I have a separate computer that I prefer.

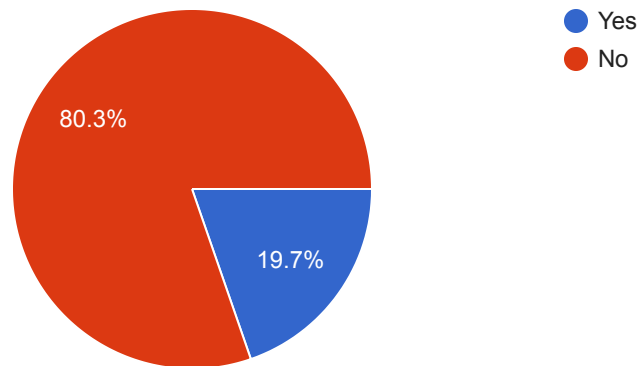
They suck

I do use the cromebook

Do you wear a smart watch or use a smart watch?

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

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None

restrictions like not having your phone out during class times or something else is perfectly fine, but i don't believe that students shouldn't be allowed to be on their phones at all without permission during all school hours.

I think phone usage should be regulated however, I believe we should be able to use them during breaks/passing periods/etc. as many of us use them to keep up with work, family, and other responsibilities. I also think the idea of "phone areas" sounds great but from what I've heard from other students, it isn't very effective in practice as many find this to be more distracting than just keeping it in your bag. This is mainly due to concerns over phones being stolen (whether it be accidentally or purposeful) and while I don't think this is a super realistic concern, it's still preventing people from putting their complete focus on their work. I know it's not always the most effective method but I think just having teachers keep watch is one of the best ways to ensure students are off their devices and engaged throughout the day!

I think we should be allowed phones. I say no it doesn't make me not want to be on my phone because it doesn't matter if it's in a teacher phone area, my pocket, or my backpack. I just don't feel the need for a phone, unless I absolutely need it.

I don't feel like it's a problem

I walk to school so either way I will be having it and I do need it. Thank you.

I've seen students watching mature content once in class.

In this growing day and age, cell phones are a common part of life. There is no world anymore where cell phones are not part of life for the average American. The kids who wish to ruin their education may use a smartphone during class to play games or check social media. However, many of us do not wish to ruin our lives by ruining our education, including myself. I have carried a 4.0 GPA through my freshman and sophomore years of high school, because I want to live a good life. I use my cellphone in school during downtime when I do not have assignments to work on. Taking away my cellphone does nothing except make me dislike my education and my school, as it feels like a punishment. I understand that a few bad apples can ruin the rest, however, that is not a reason to punish good students in an attempt to remove cell phones from kids who already don't care about their education. Removing the cell phone from those people will not make them care about their education, they will only shut down and not do anything during school. I use my cellphone when I need to, or when I have absolutely nothing else to do. Taking that ability away does not help my education, it hurts it. I use my phone for reminders for projects, pictures of anything in the school I need, and to look things up when I'm writing something on my Chromebook. My phone is a tool, it does not harm my



education. I ask our school not to ban cell phones, I implore you not to punish the students who want a good education. Only the students who don't care about their education, with or without a cellphone, use their phones with bad intentions during instructional time. Banning cell phones will not fix that problem, a different solution for that is necessary.

As I understand, the cell phone can cause a distraction. I don't think that phones should be taken away during passing periods or lunch. It can be nice for a student to contact their parent if needed, or simply relax during lunch. I also think it should be up to the teacher to use phones in the classroom.

This is bad

I believe a full ban on cell phones is illogical, and undermines the spirit of the school and classroom.

Especially for upperclassmen the need for cell-phone areas is really non-existent, and in all of the classes in which I needed to focus and put my highest effort into learning my phone had no bearing on my performance.

Many students including me are not distracted by our phones during class and during instructional time. I do not believe that the whole student body should be punished for the actions of the few. If a student abuses their screen time during important class time I do believe they should be punished however the students who use their phone during non-instructional time and for music should not be punished if their grade continues to be positive.

I know that it is an interest of many school boards around the country to outlaw cell phone usage in school, but personally I think that said usage should be permitted. If a student finds themselves distracted or disabled by usage of their cell phone, then that is their problem, and their detriment. For those of us who are choosing to use our cell phones in a responsible way, for personal advancement, I think that should be encouraged.

I don't have a phone :(

Please actually take our opinions into account. You need to punish only the students who use their phone in class and NOT people who have it for safety measures. The administration seems to think that punishment shouldn't be targeted, but it absolutely should. Life is not fair. Students need to keep their phone IN THEIR POCKET OR BAG. Not held by the school. I do not trust this school to keep my phone in good hands. I myself will be keeping my phone at home if anything is to take place.

I understand the district is proposing to collect all phones at the beginning of the day. I do not think this is a good idea, kids who want to use their cell phones during the day will find ways to get around the rule like saying they left their phone at home. Additionally, many students would not trust the office to keep their phone safe, not to lose their phone, or to not mix up phones from different students. If students do choose to comply with the rule it means they will not be



able to communicate with their family in case of emergency as easily therefore indirectly punishing people for following the rule.

I do believe cell phones should be put on lock down only during classrooms and if the students is sure that they are done with their work then they may get their phone again.

I do not think cell phone should be completely banned from schools, especially during lunch periods. Lunch is a dedicated time for students to eat, socialize and do as they please. I more often then not am texting my mom, or sister if I am on my phone. I understand the ban of cellphones during instructional periods as for some students it is an extreme restriction of their ability to learn. But the complete ban of cell phones inside a school building can be considered a matter of safety and happiness of students.

I feel that all students should have access to their phones. If they take advantage then they suffer the consequences. In the age of America we are in, it is safer to have phones on your person or in your bag.

We have a lot of free time during study hall and ac lab, and teachers usually block all websites that are used for entrainment, I think having more bans is just suppressing any freetime for students like myself who don't have anything to do because of finishing all our work

In my case and I'm sure for many others, listening to music on my phone during independent work times is a mechanism to drown out distractions and focus on work. Not having access to that would negatively impact my focus.

I love that the school is wanting to crack down on cell phone usage in class. However, I feel like taking every single kids' phone at the beginning of the day would waste lots of valuable class time and distract everyone from what is going to be taught that day. I do not trust the school with my phone as well. I am worried that the school would not respect the fact that my phone is my personal property. I feel as if the school will search my phone when I am not in possession of it and there is always a huge possibility of the school losing my phone. I say all of this knowing that the school truly means well. The administration sent out this form for student feedback and opinions on cell phone policies. If you truly value the opinions and concerns of the students, please listen to what we have to say. These are my genuine concerns for our cell phone policies. Please please take student input into account because we are the people that create the amazing school environment that we have.

Nothing

No matter the law, my phone will stay with me. Our schools have bigger fish to fry than someone listening to music during independent work time. How about we focus on the gaps in curriculum (specifically the erasure of history and science)? Teacher pay? Enforcing separation of religion and state? GUN LAWS? If going to school means there is even a slight chance I will be shot and killed, you better believe I am keeping my phone with me. Who cares if students learn better without their phones if they're killed in a shooting? The disappointment I feel that my school may choose to BE right instead of DO right is immense. I will forever speak out on



my opinion on our public schools and I will not be forced to do something in a place I am legally mandated to go to. Safety comes before learning.

I'm just concerned because as I have said I only use my phone for study music like lofi to help with my work. The times where I can't use this it takes me longer to do the work that others find easy. This is mostly for reading, as it helps me focus and comprehend things better. As well as for choir, I use my voice memos to record our songs so I can practice at home more effectively, without a phone I'm not sure how to do the same thing.

Thanks for the survey :)

I need a cellphone at school because I walk to and from school and I always let my mom know when I get to school and when I leave, and to communicate about sports after school or if I want to hang out with friends.

There are much bigger issues that we need to be focusing on. People are going to find a way to be on their phones in class no matter what you do. Phones aren't the thing that are keeping most of us from learning.

Cell phone use is the least of the districts concerns in my opinion. It is an issue that can be resolved at a small level that has been blown up needlessly large.

I watch videos while doing math work to keep myself entertained and focused on work and music on my phone to keep me going. If I'm doing other things like playing games on my phone it is because I have finished my work.

No one is taking my phone

I think that cell phones can be distracting without proper rules and policy in place, however I feel like banning cell phones as a schoolwide policy will not help. Students will either find another way to be distracted (playing games on their computer, talking in class, going to the bathroom more often to be on their phone, etc) and it will ultimately stress students out to a distracting effect.

I don't feel tempted or distracted by my cellphone and I'm only in it in class if I have permission from the teacher

I feel safe when I have my phone because school shootings are so frequent. While cell phones are a distraction, if you take away cell phones, the distraction won't stop. Kids will just find another way to be distracted. The problem will never be fixed with removing cell phones entirely. I HIGHLY implore you, as a human with a conscience who surely cares for kids' mental health and safety, please reconsider banning cell phones.

I'm someone who has struggled with mental health issues my whole life. While I, like many other teenagers, DO spend more time on my phone than I should, taking my phone away will not solve the problem. The problem is lack of community, support, encouragement. Instead of removing phones, we need discipline. By discipline I don't mean punishment, I mean treating



teens like they are actually capable of making their own decisions and choices. you can only do so much to help those who don't want to listen. PLEASE do not take phones away.

Just a quick note on the cell phone area question. I would say that the effectiveness of these areas depends largely on the class, some they help reduce distractions and others they don't. Additionally, those areas make my cell phone difficult to use for schoolwork, my job, family, music, etc., and the added hassle can sometimes be more distracting than just taking out my phone, quickly handling whatever is happening, and then returning focus to the class.

I feel like it's unfair for us to have our phones collected, because for example college students don't get treated like baby's over their phones. Also if you fail you fail but I feel like if you can keep your phone in your pocket or backpack without being distracted it's fine. But I do think that students that have issues in classes with their phone that there should be a different system for them. Apologies this is typed so poorly I did this on my phone.

Having phone access is very important in case of different situations, taking that access away could lead to less communication overall between student body and families

For those who are in clubs and frequently need to receive and give information to coaches and club leaders, how will this be addressed?

I find that the cell phone areas within classrooms have been the best solution to prevent cell phones from being so distracting in class. Students can still find comfort in knowing their device is in the room in case of emergencies, yet farther than a reaching distance, meaning there is less motivation to putz on them during instruction. If these cell phone areas are in more rooms, I feel like this would be a more productive solution than taking phones away altogether.

I need my phone for work and family communication. Also why isn't phone usage dependent off individual student success?

If people are given the option to use their phone they are more responsible with them.

I will still be bringing my phone to classes I really do not care what the policy is

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