

## Cell Phone HS/MS Staff Police Change Feedback

- I think this policy would be good if it is done schoolwide
- I would be in favor of this change in policy!
- I think this is a great idea. I think we need to teach students how to detox from their devices. I'm in favor as a parent and staff member! :) I do think that some kids will have a hard time with this. I think that we may need to teach them more ways to manage their anxiety around not having their devices. This will be a big deal for a handful of our students. If we are going to do something that is in their best interest, I think they need to understand why and also have the skills to not let it ruin their day/learning so that they have the buy into it as well.
- I fully support this change. The book was very eye opening and saw so many connections to our own students.
- 1000 times yes. Thank you.
- I'm 100% in favor and on board.
- Yes! I am in favor of the change.
- I honestly am in favor of your new proposed policy. Even though I have found multiple times when phones are useful and I think teaching students when it is appropriate to use them is important- it has become such a problem.
- Today I happen to be at CESA 11 for a digital, media, AI literacy conference. I brought up the question at the meeting today to see where other districts are at. There is one district here that has a ban and said it went more smoothly than they anticipated, but they do still see students with phones in pockets often. I can go either way on the policy. I can see pros and cons. My biggest concern with a total ban is not on how we use them as a teaching tool, because we can always find a way or a tool to use, but missing an opportunity to teach them self discipline and that there is a time and a place for phones. I'm concerned about them entering college and the workplace without having practiced the skills of self discipline. My vision would be more of a scaffolded approach where 6-8 have a ban (must be in lockers), 9-10 have to put them in bins in the classroom, but teachers can have them use them at their discretion for specific activities, and 11-12 can have them, but teachers monitor appropriate use. This is just an idea thinking outside the box to help teach students responsibility and time management. Another topic would be bullying and social pressure and how a ban would hopefully help mental health and stress levels. Another of the major concerns is using them for cheating. Even with a ban I think cheating will still be an issue. Cheating was around long before cell phones and students will find new ways to cheat all the time. From personal experience, one of my kids was going to take a picture of her homework to share with a friend (after school) and didn't even realize you are not supposed to do that and it is cheating because it is so common. At CESA we were discussing students and college and it was shared that one of the presenter's college student at a UW is allowed "open book" tests. I don't know how common this is across the system, but the student is encouraged to use all available resources for tests and the challenge is to sift through the information to determine what sources are most credible. The theory is that the era of memorization is out the window and answers are now at our

fingertips if we know how to find them. Another idea I had was if we do/don't have a ban to help with the power struggle could we have a shared doc where teachers add student names that refuse to turn in phones, are caught on them, etc. Then instead of taking class time to argue with a student, write them up, contact admin, etc the list would show the repeat offenders and maybe there ends up being a list of students that have to turn them in to the office. I am sure this is way more information than you wanted, but the topic fit in so well with my training today that I wanted to share some ideas, thoughts, sides to the argument. I can support and work with whatever the decision is as long as there is a plan in place with consequences for students that do not follow it.

- I am in favor of this policy change.
- I am in favor of this change in policy, and I agree to enforce the policy.
- I am in favor of cracking down on cell phones but as you stated everyone has to be on board and I know there are teachers not enforcing it correctly. Doesn't effect my classes since the students know my expectations.