

Parent comments after cell phone use survey.

- I just took the survey about cell phones i think there should be a comment section because I think it's ok between classes or at lunch just not in the classroom when learning. Just wanted to add that thanks
- How is it you send out a survey for cellphone use without the ability of being able to give our own input as well. Just answer these questions with no comments? Your chrome pads are just as damaging as cellphones. Just because there's controls to them does not mean there not damaging.
- I wanted to give my feedback on the cell phones in schools survey, beyond what we are available to mark on the survey sent out.
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 - Do you believe there are benefits for your student to use a cell phone during the school day?
 - Yes
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 - If yes, indicate below which benefits student cell phones use during the school day supports:
 - (We are only able to choose one option on the survey, but I would choose these 3)
 - Safety: Contact with parents and guardians (if there is an active shooter or other emergency at school, I would like to know where my kids are and that they are safe. That is the main reason we give our kids phones in the first place.)
 - Organization: Timetables and educational apps (we live in a modern, digital world. Some people-me included-rely on apps, calendars, planners, check lists, etc. on our phones. Not everyone, especially kids, uses paper and pen to keep track of everything.)
 - Research: For course work (yes-when allowed by the teacher)
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 - Do you believe there are negative consequences to mobile phone use in schools?
 - Yes
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 - If yes, indicate below which negative effects do you believe phones cause during the school day:
 - I would select all of the options available.
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 - Students are spending too much time on cell phones. This can have a negative impact on concentration and behavior.
 - Strongly agree
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 - Student use of cell phones on social media platforms can increase the incidents of cyberbullying and harassment.
 - Strongly agree
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- Would you support a policy that does not allow students to use their phone during school hours?
- No
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- I don't see any problem with kids checking their phones between classes or at lunch. I think the teachers need to enforce the rule of not having phones in class, as Mr. Hinze frequently reminds them in his weekly newsletter. After school plans can change at any time, and for spring athletes, this happens almost daily. Mr. Mateski is constantly sending updates through the sports you app. For example, yesterday at 12:30 PM, he sent a message saying the JV team was no longer having practice after school. This meant that Ella needed to ride the bus home, instead of staying after school for practice. Kids need to know these things ahead of time so they can prepare, gather their belongings, and get to the bus in time. If she had to wait until the end of the school day to get that information, she might have to go to both her regular locker and the locker room to get her stuff, and she might miss the bus. Those types of messages aren't emailed to the girls and there is not an announcement. The app is the only way they would know.
- I think my main concern as a parent who deals with this specific issue is this-lots of kids have anxiety and need to know what is happening/coming up so they can mentally prepare for what they need to do. I know for my own kid, her anxiety would be much worse if she had last minute changes to figure out all the time. Which again, as spring athletes, things change every day lately.

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