

# Cell Phone Expectations Update

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## The Process

- MAST and SHAC following parallel processes
- They have discussed associated issues, reviewed data, heard presentations
- Active discussion with an eye to the Legislature

## The Discussion to This Point

- Challenges created by use of cell phones in the educational environment
- Advantages to cell phones in schools
- Expectations of other Texas school districts and national “trends”
- Survey data
  - Parents
  - Teachers
  - Students (6-12)
- The 89th meeting of the Texas Legislature
  - HB 515
  - HB 1481

## Challenges

- Mental/emotional health
- Academic dishonesty
- Distraction
- Student privacy

## Advantages

- Emergency communication
- Convenience
- Organization

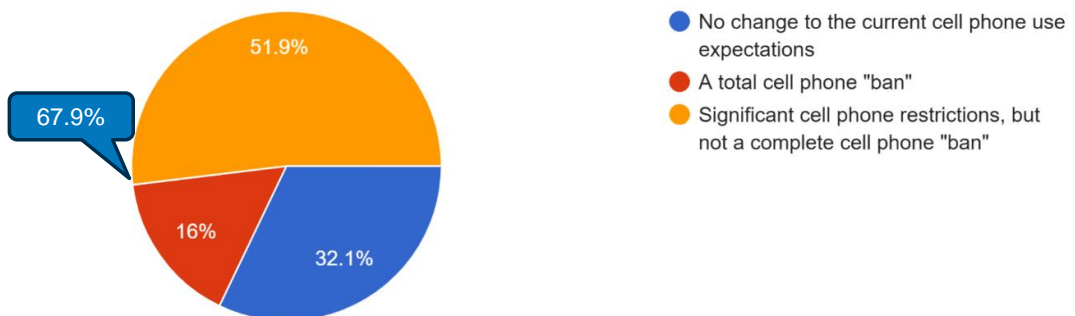
## Expectations of other Texas school districts

- Range of expectations:
  - Full ban (not common)
  - Significant limitations (most common)
    - Communication devices secured/sequestered during “instructional time”
    - Three level: Pk-5, 6-8, 9-12
    - Two level: Pk-8, 9-12
  - Almost no limitation/ no clarity (not common)

## Parents: All

Which of the following would you most support in Midway ISD schools?

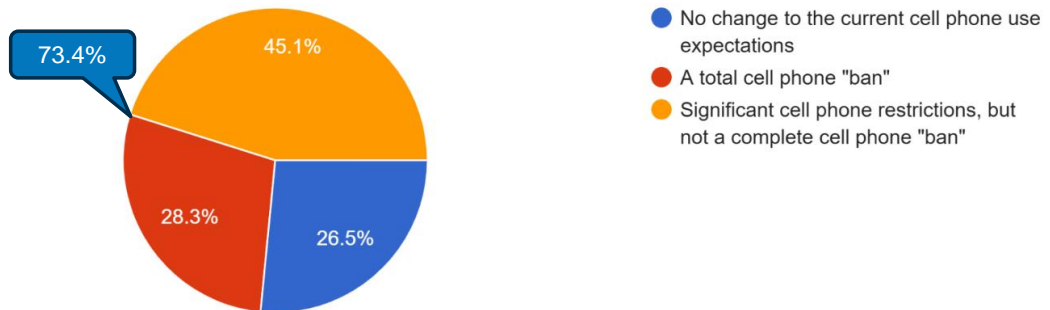
984 responses



## Teachers: All (229)

Which of the following would you most support in Midway ISD schools?

226 responses



## Students: 6-12 (989)

Which of the following would you most support in Midway ISD schools?

981 responses



## The 89th meeting of the Texas Legislature

- HB 515
  - Full ban with funding (Yondr)
- HB 1481
  - Classroom cell phone locker
    - Gaining the most traction...we think

## Next Steps

- We expect a recommendation from SHAC in May
- Watching the Legislature

# Questions