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## Cell Phone Restriction Policy Proposal - Public Comments

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#### Introduction

This document contains a comprehensive overview of public comments solicited regarding a proposed cell phone restriction policy within the Nye County School District (NCSD).

The comments, submitted via an online survey, reflect a diverse range of perspectives from parents, guardians, teachers, administrators, employees, students, and community members.

The data is presented both in aggregate and segmented by role, offering insight into the varying opinions and concerns of different stakeholder groups.

Additionally, an analysis by Artificial Intelligence (AI) provides a summarized overview and deeper insights into the prevailing attitudes and concerns.

#### Note about the Data

The “all” represents each response counted once, but participants often identified themselves with multiple community roles, i.e. Parent AND Community Member OR Teacher AND Parent. The graphs for each role include all of each individual’s chosen roles, so a person who marked themselves as both a parent and a community member will be represented in both the parent and community member graphs.

Because the questions were not mandatory, not all participants voted or left comments. Some only voted, and some only left comments, so the quantities don’t always match on a checksum.



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#### Information

- The survey collecting public comment opened on November 22, 2024 at 7:00 A.M. and closed at noon on December 5, 2024.
  - The survey information was sent out through I.C. messenger through text and email to all employees, parents, and guardians; and it was posted on the school district and school websites on three different dates; and finally, it was sent to all major media outlets that report on Nye County Schools
- Names and phone numbers are withheld from this report but are available to board members at their request.
- While anonymous comments are included in this document, those votes are not tallied in the graphs, per this note on the survey:

#### Names & Phone Number - A Note

Your name is voluntary, but to be included in the back up materials for the board meeting, you must include your first and last name as well as your phone number just as is required for public comment.

**Phone numbers will not be made public in the materials submitted to the board, but the trustees can request them.**

- Click [HERE](#) to view the letter from the Board of Trustees.
- Click [HERE](#) for a sample of the research.

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### Analysis by Artificial Intelligence

No names or personally identifiable information were part of this analysis.

We uploaded a PDF of this document to Google's [NotebookLM](#), which is specifically designed to analyze documents uploaded to it by a user.

NotebookLM is a free service from Google. Any user can upload documents and ask questions to the A.I. about those documents. The responses include citations to verify the information in the response.

- [Podcast Deep Dive](#)
  - NotebookLM will generate a “podcast” analysis of a document. This audio file is 13:30 and is in WAV format. It will play on most browsers, including phone browsers.
  - No person was involved in the creation of this podcast. The voices are completely A.I. generated.
  - NOTES about the podcast:
    - **There are no signal blockers in any schools.** Those are actually illegal. However, concrete, which is an important building material for our schools, often blocks cell signals.
    - All schools have more Chromebooks than students. Chromebook distribution is determined by the school.

Below are the questions and answers from NotebookLM. Beyond that you will find the graphs tallying the survey results and then the comments. None of the comments were edited.

### Question to A.I.:

#### What overall attitudes toward cell phone restrictions emerged?

The sources, which consist of public comments on a proposed cell phone restriction policy for the Nye County School District (NCSD), reveal a range of attitudes toward cell phone restrictions.

- Support for Restrictions: Many adults, including parents, teachers, administrators, and other employees, expressed support for restricting cell phone use during school hours. They cited a variety of reasons for their support, including:
  - Distraction: Many respondents believed that cell phones are a major distraction to students, interfering with their learning and engagement in class. Some argued that students are addicted to their phones and need to learn that there is a time and place for their use. Others suggested that students should use the time they would have spent on their phones for more productive activities, such as reading, studying, or socializing with their peers.
  - Cheating: Some respondents expressed concerns about students using their phones to cheat on tests and assignments.
  - Cyberbullying: Many adults, particularly teachers and administrators, highlighted the problem of cyberbullying and inappropriate content being shared via cell phones. They



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- argued that restricting cell phone use would help to address this issue.
- Safety Concerns: While acknowledging the potential safety benefits of students having phones in emergencies, several respondents, especially employees, argued that students calling their parents before notifying the school in a crisis can cause unnecessary panic, hinder law enforcement, and potentially endanger more people.
  - Social Interaction: Some adults expressed a desire for students to interact more with each other face-to-face and believed that restricting cell phones would promote more genuine social interaction.
  - Opposition to Restrictions: The majority of students and some parents voiced opposition to the proposed cell phone restrictions, citing several reasons:
    - Safety and Communication: Many students and parents emphasized the importance of students having access to their phones for safety reasons, especially in emergencies. They argued that phones allow students to contact their parents or emergency services if needed and to stay informed about potential threats or dangerous situations. Several respondents expressed distrust in the school's ability to communicate effectively with parents and students, particularly in emergencies.
    - Educational Uses: Some students and parents pointed out that cell phones can be valuable tools for learning, providing access to information, educational apps, and note-taking capabilities. They suggested that a more flexible policy that allows for restricted or supervised phone use during appropriate times would be more beneficial.
    - Personal Freedom and Responsibility: Some students and parents argued that students should have the freedom to use their phones during non-instructional time, such as lunch and passing periods. They contended that students should be taught to manage their phone use responsibly rather than having it completely restricted. Several students felt that banning phones would be ineffective and lead to more rebellious behavior.
    - Ineffectiveness: Some students expressed skepticism that a cell phone ban would be effective in addressing the issues cited by the school district. They argued that students would find ways to circumvent the ban and that the focus should be on improving teaching methods and classroom management rather than restricting technology.
  - Neutral Stance: Some individuals, particularly parents, expressed a more neutral stance, recognizing both the potential benefits and drawbacks of cell phone use in schools. They generally supported some restrictions on phone use during class time but emphasized the importance of students having access to their phones in emergencies and for communication with parents.

In conclusion, the sources reveal a complex and multifaceted debate about cell phone restrictions in schools, with a clear division between adults who generally support restrictions and students who largely oppose them. Concerns about distraction, cheating, cyberbullying, and social interaction are central to the arguments in favor of restrictions, while concerns about safety, communication, educational uses, personal freedom, and the potential ineffectiveness of a ban fuel the opposition. Understanding these diverse perspectives is crucial for developing and implementing cell phone policies that effectively address the challenges and opportunities presented by technology in the modern educational landscape.



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#### Question to A.I.: What are the health concerns related to the restrictions?

Several comments in the sources mention health issues in relation to the proposed cell phone restriction policy. These comments highlight the potential challenges and concerns surrounding the policy for students with medical conditions and disabilities:

- **Type 1 Diabetes:** Three parents specifically mention their children having Type 1 diabetes and needing their phones to manage their condition. One parent explains that their child uses their phone to monitor blood sugar levels and communicate with them regarding necessary adjustments. Another parent expresses worry about the impact of the policy on students with diabetes, particularly if they need to contact their parents during school hours.
- **IEP Accommodations:** One parent mentions their child has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) that allows them to use their cell phone as an accommodation and questions how this accommodation would be provided if the policy were implemented.
- **Mental Health:** One student notes that they use their phone to contact their mother when feeling unwell, sometimes experiencing vomiting and preferring not to walk to the office. Another student comments that they use music on their phone as a coping mechanism to manage stress and anxiety and that removing access to this could negatively impact their mental health.
- **Hearing Impairment:** A grandparent raises concerns about the policy's impact on students who are deaf or hard of hearing, highlighting that their granddaughter relies on her cell phone to communicate when an ASL interpreter is not available. They argue that the policy could isolate and potentially endanger students with hearing impairments.

These comments raise important considerations about the potential unintended consequences of the proposed cell phone restriction policy for students with health issues and disabilities. They underscore the need for careful consideration of accommodations and exemptions to ensure that the policy does not negatively impact the health and well-being of these students.



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#### Question to A.I.:

#### How did student responses differ from parent responses regarding the policy?

The sources, composed of public comments on a proposed cell phone restriction policy in the Nye County School District, illustrate a stark contrast between the attitudes of students and parents. While a significant number of parents expressed support for the policy, or at least for restrictions during class time, student responses overwhelmingly condemned the proposed changes.

- Students:
  - Safety as Paramount: The most significant difference lies in the prioritization of safety. Students consistently voiced concerns about their safety and ability to communicate with parents in case of emergencies, citing school shootings and other potential threats. Many expressed distrust in the school's ability to effectively handle emergencies and relay information. This fear was palpable in their comments, with some students dramatically describing wanting to be able to say goodbye to their loved ones in a crisis. The need to contact parents in less dire situations, such as illness or changes in transportation plans, was also frequently mentioned.
  - Phones as Tools for Learning: Students also pushed back against the characterization of phones as solely distractions. Several students pointed out that they use their phones for educational purposes, such as accessing blocked websites, taking pictures of notes, completing college coursework, and listening to music to aid focus.
  - Freedom and Individual Responsibility: Students frequently argued that they should have the freedom to use their phones during non-instructional times like lunch and passing periods, contending that responsible phone use should be taught rather than outright bans. Many felt that punishing the entire student body for the actions of a few was unfair and would only lead to more rebellious behavior.
- Parents:
  - More Nuanced Views: While many parents supported the proposed policy, a significant number advocated for a more nuanced approach. These parents acknowledged the potential distractions of cell phones during class but emphasized the need for their children to have access for communication and safety during breaks.
  - Greater Trust in the School: Unlike students, many parents seemed to have more trust in the school's ability to communicate with them and handle emergencies, though some did express concerns about the current communication system.
  - Emphasis on Academic Focus: Parents who supported the policy often focused on the distractions that cell phones pose to learning, echoing concerns about academic performance and cheating mentioned by teachers and administrators.
  - Health Concerns: A small but notable number of parents raised concerns about the policy's impact on students with health issues, including diabetes and mental health conditions, highlighting the need for accommodations.

In summary, while both groups expressed concerns about safety, student responses were dominated by a fear of being unable to communicate with parents in emergencies and a sense that a complete ban was an overreach. Parents, on the other hand, were more likely to focus on academic concerns and trust the school's ability to handle emergencies, though many advocated for a balanced approach that allowed for phone use during breaks.



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#### Question to A.I.:

#### What are the major safety concerns that support allowing phones vs. not allowing phones?

The sources, comprised of public comments on a proposed cell phone restriction policy, reveal a complex interplay of safety concerns surrounding the presence of cell phones in schools. These concerns fall into two broad categories: those that support allowing phones and those that support restricting or banning them.

##### Arguments For Allowing Phones:

- **Emergencies and School Violence:** This is by far the most dominant safety concern voiced in the sources, particularly by students. Numerous students express deep anxiety about being unable to contact their parents in case of a school shooting or other emergency, emphasizing the need for immediate communication and distrusting the school's ability to handle such situations effectively. Many reference real or perceived threats in their schools and express a desire to be able to reach their parents quickly in a crisis. Some even describe wanting to have the chance to say goodbye to their loved ones if the worst were to happen.
- **Communication with Parents:** Beyond emergencies, students frequently cite the need to communicate with parents about various issues, such as illness, changes in transportation, and after-school plans. This need is often framed in the context of personal safety and well-being. Some students also express concern about the school's ability to relay messages accurately and efficiently, preferring direct communication with their parents.
- **Mental Health and Well-being:** A few students mention using their phones as a coping mechanism for anxiety and stress, arguing that listening to music or contacting their parents can help them manage these challenges and contribute to a sense of safety and security.
- **Recording Incidents:** Some comments, primarily from parents and students, suggest that phones can be used to document bullying, violence, or inappropriate behavior by staff, serving as a tool for protection and accountability. This perspective highlights a perceived lack of trust in the school's ability to address these issues effectively.

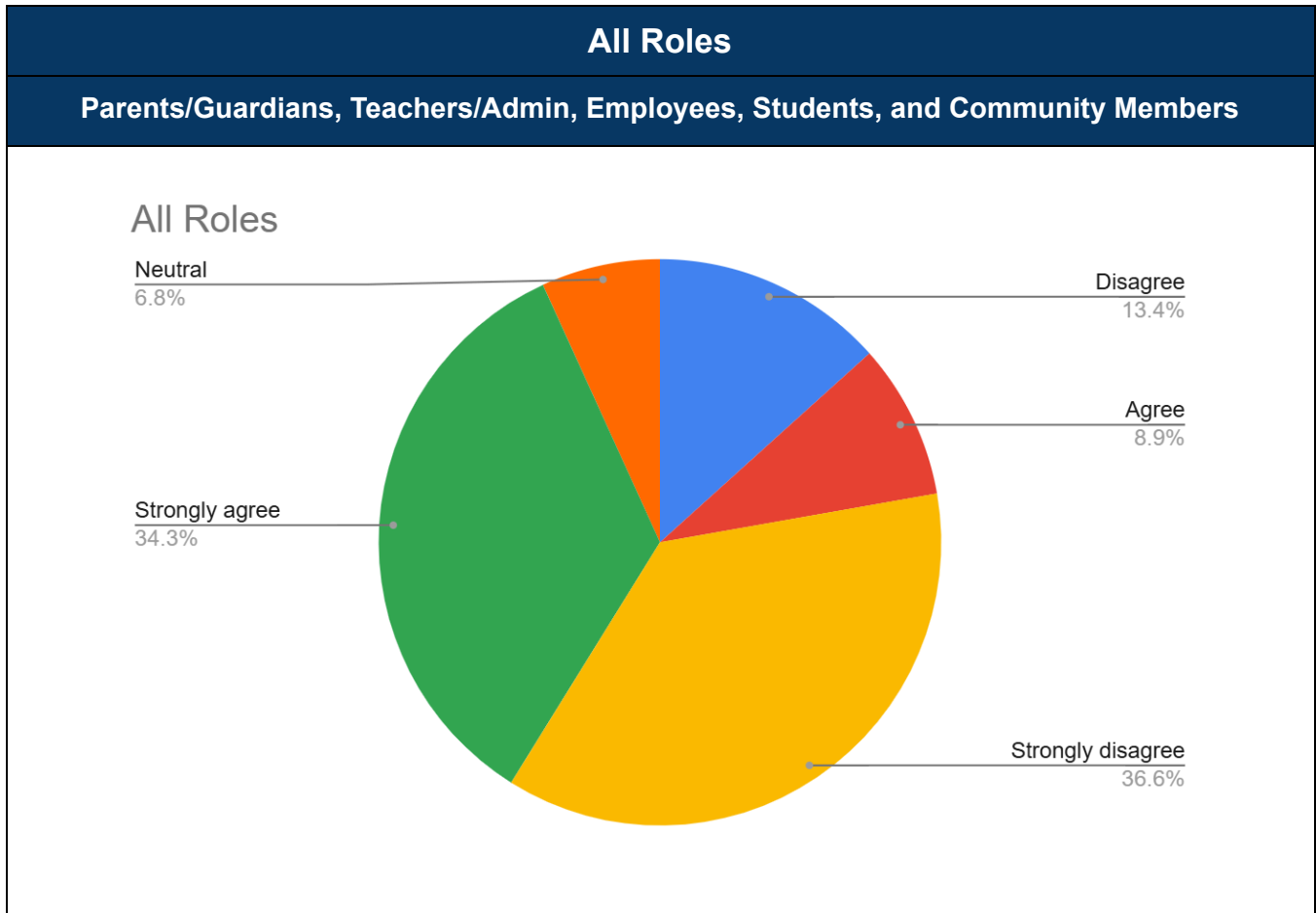
##### Arguments Against Allowing Phones:

- **Cyberbullying and Harassment:** Many comments, primarily from teachers, administrators, and some parents, point to the potential for cell phones to facilitate cyberbullying and harassment. The ease of recording and sharing videos and messages is seen as contributing to a climate of bullying and negativity, particularly during non-instructional times like lunch and passing periods.
- **Distraction and Disengagement:** Teachers, administrators, and some parents consistently emphasize the distracting nature of cell phones, arguing that they impede learning and create a less focused classroom environment. This concern is often linked to safety, as disengaged students may be less aware of their surroundings and potential threats.
- **Cheating:** Some comments express concern about the potential for cell phones to facilitate cheating during exams and assessments, particularly with easy access to the internet and messaging apps. While not directly related to physical safety, this concern highlights the potential for dishonesty and a decline in academic integrity.
- The sources present a complex and often contradictory picture of safety concerns related to cell phones in schools. While students overwhelmingly prioritize the need for communication and personal safety, particularly in emergencies, adults tend to focus on the potential for phones to facilitate cyberbullying, distraction, and a decline in academic integrity. Ultimately, finding a policy that balances these competing concerns remains a challenge, with no easy answers or solutions that will satisfy everyone.



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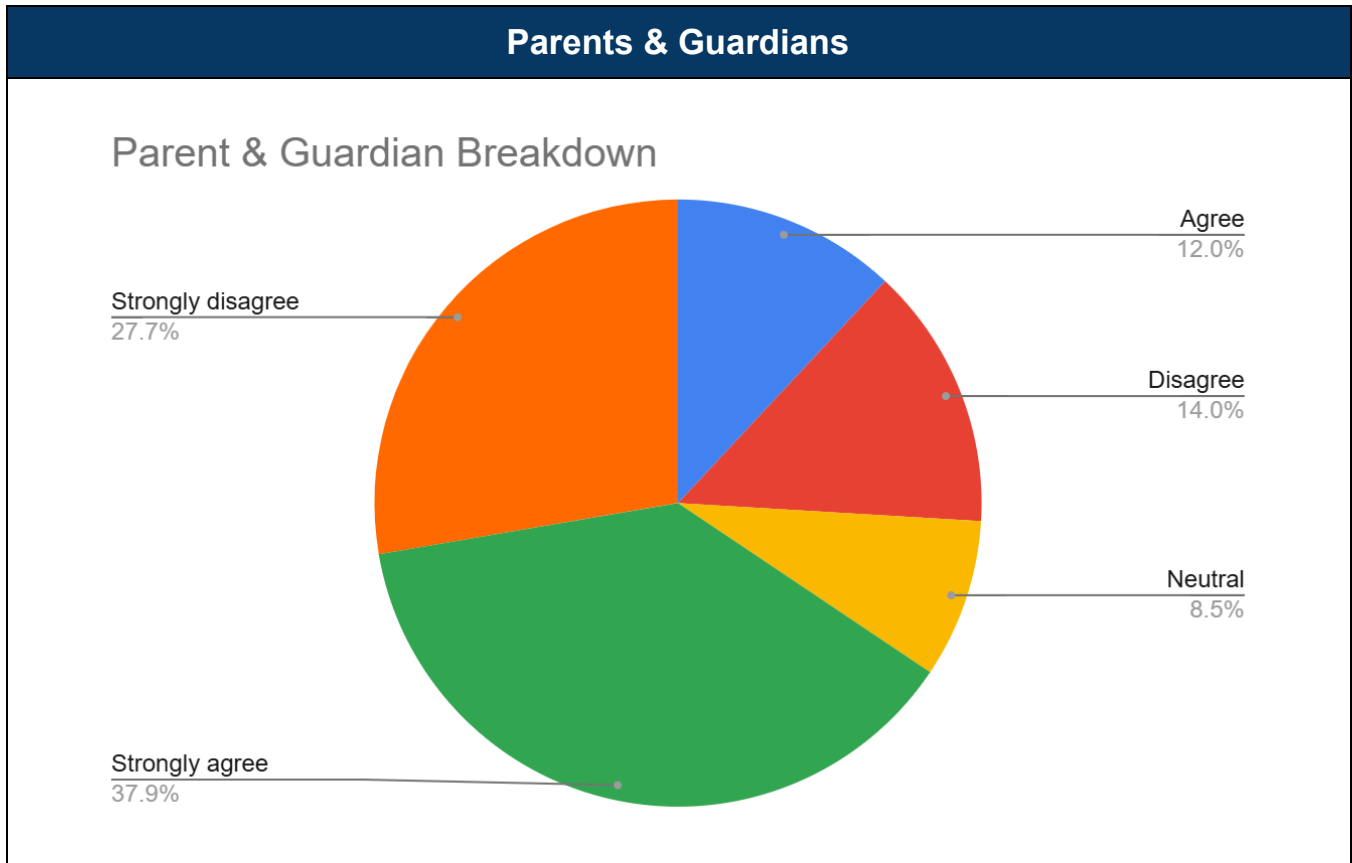
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Disagree:	13.4%
Strongly Agree:	34.3%
Agree:	8.9%
Neutral:	6.8%
Generally Disagree:	50.0%
Generally Agree:	43.2%
Neutral:	6.8%





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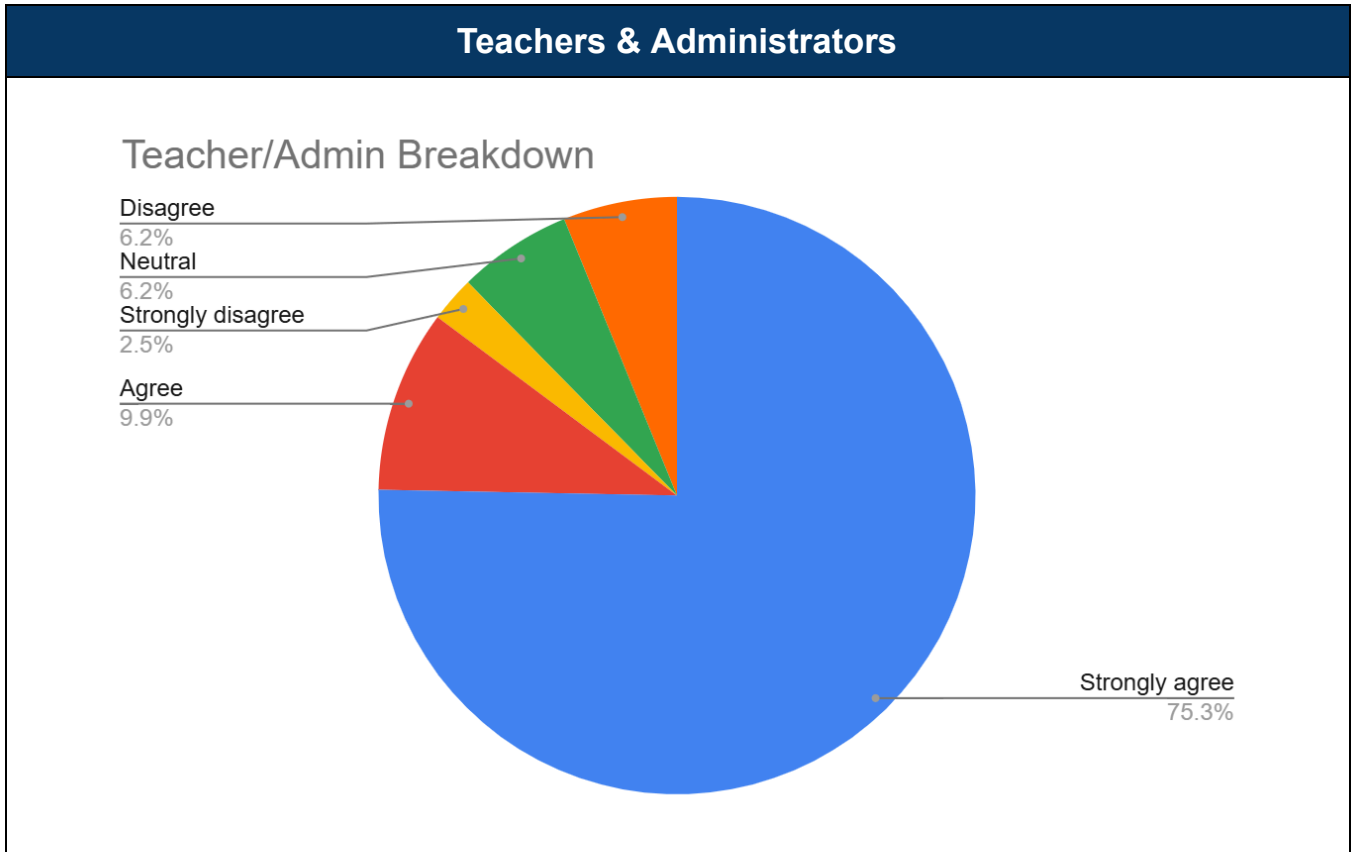


	Parents/Guardians
Quantity of Responses:	346
Strongly Disagree:	27.7%
Disagree:	14.0%
Strongly Agree:	37.9%
Agree:	12.0%
Neutral:	8.5%
Generally Disagree:	41.7%
Generally Agree:	49.9%
Neutral:	8.5%



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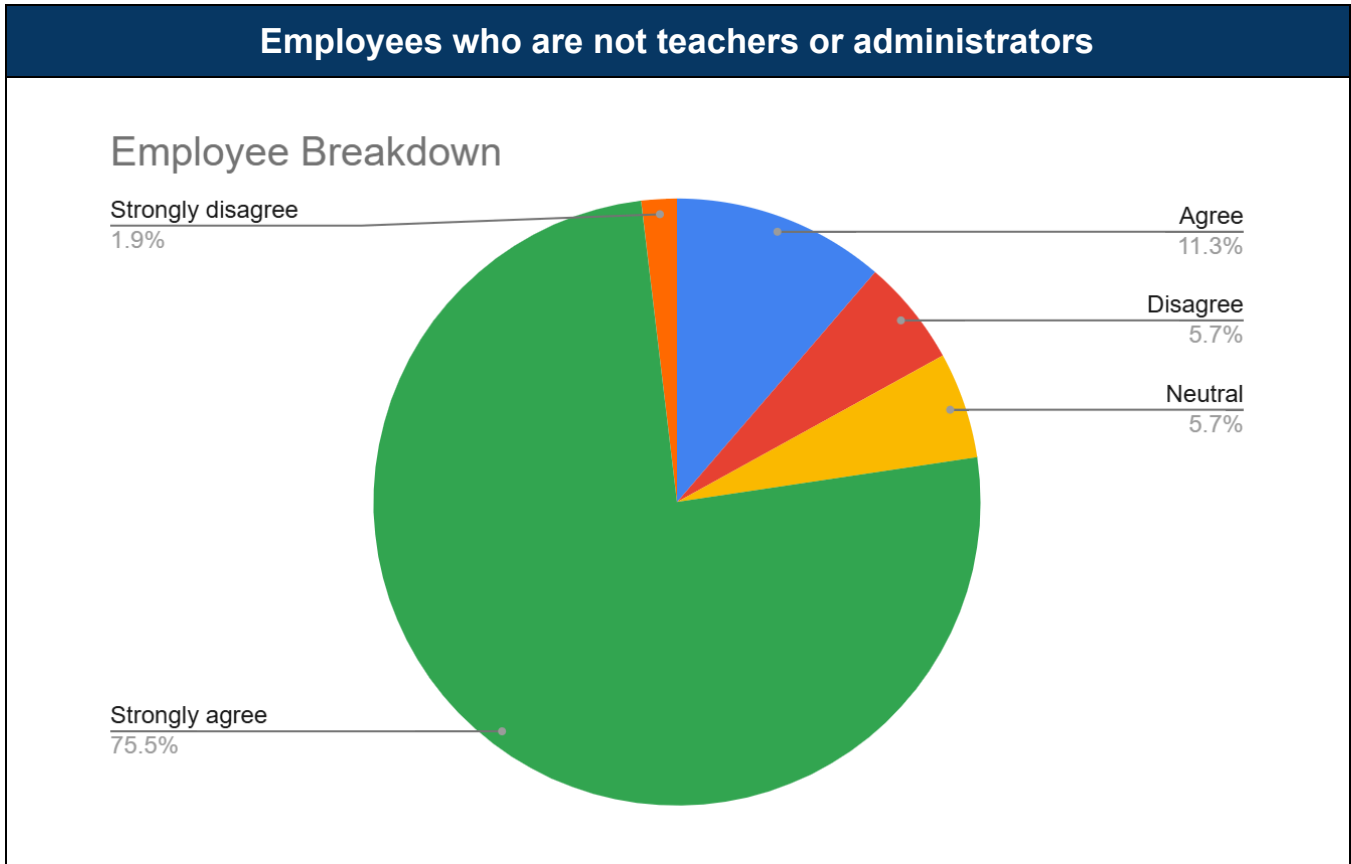


	Teachers/Admin
Quantity of Responses:	81
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Disagree:	6.2%
Strongly Agree:	75.3%
Agree:	9.9%
Neutral:	6.2%
Generally Disagree:	8.7%
Generally Agree:	85.2%
Neutral:	6.2%



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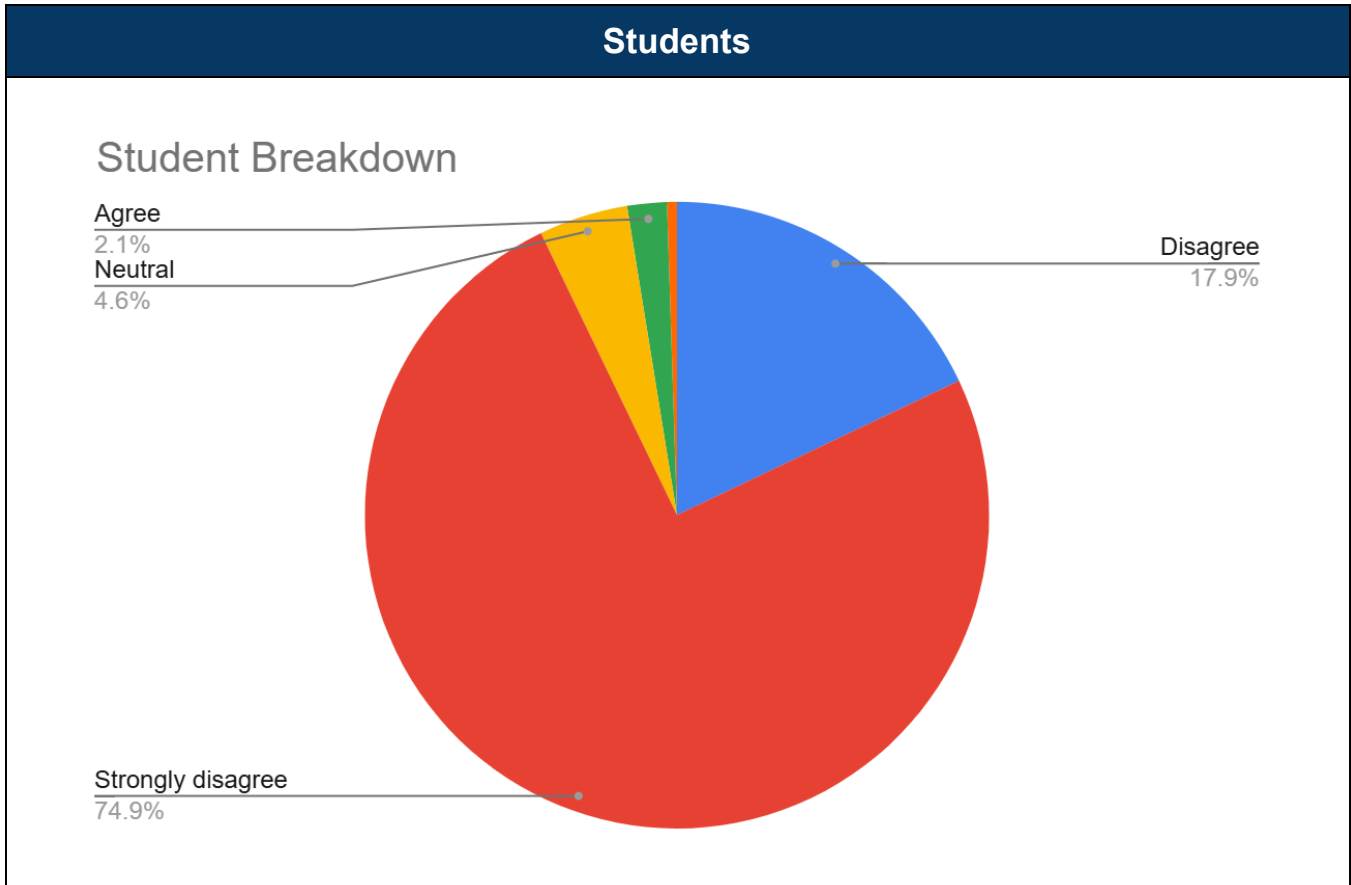


	Employees
Quantity of Responses:	53
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Disagree:	5.7%
Strongly Agree:	75.5%
Agree:	11.3%
Neutral:	5.7%
Generally Disagree:	7.6%
Generally Agree:	86.8%
Neutral:	5.7%



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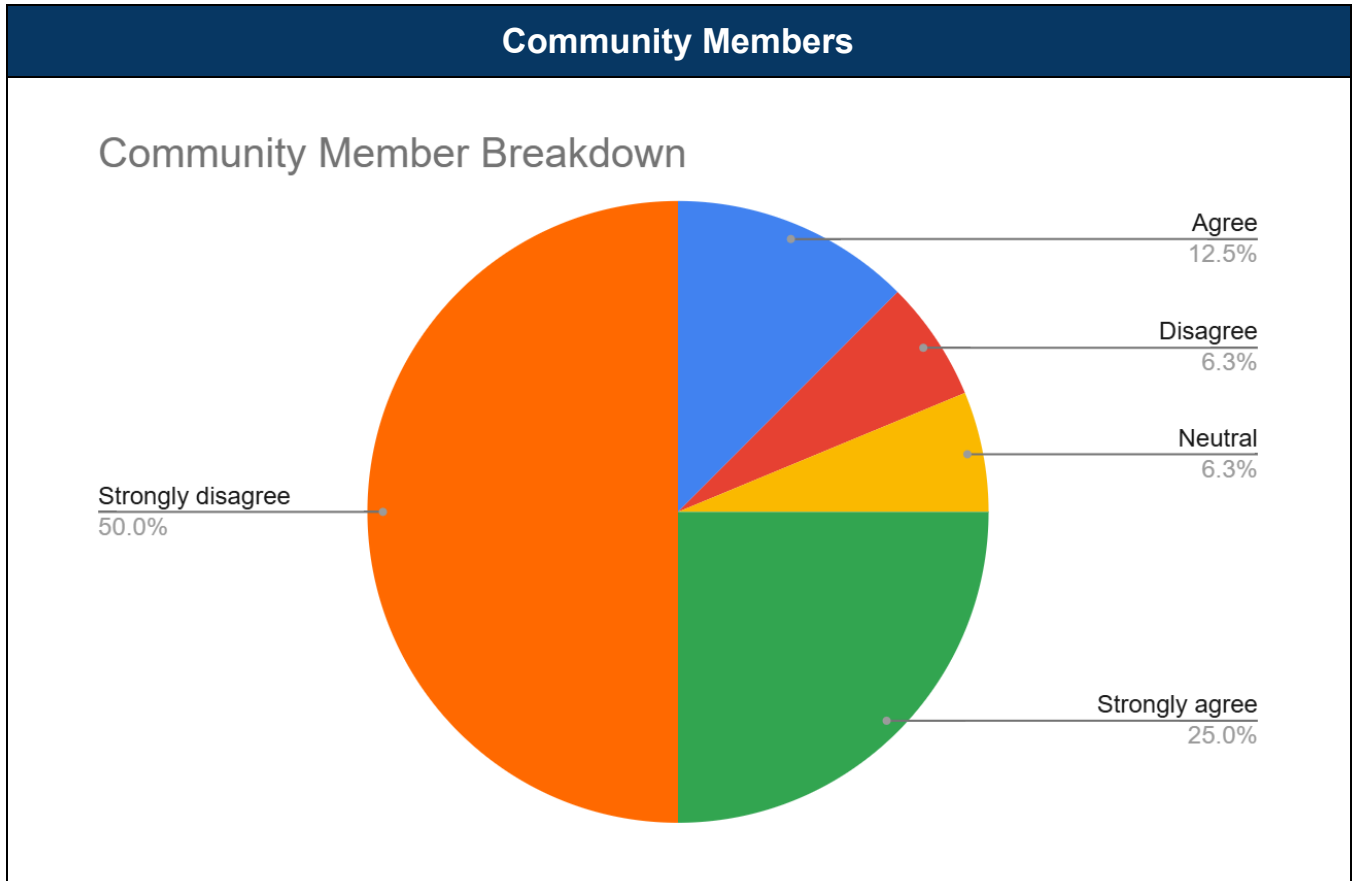


	Students
Quantity of Responses:	196
Strongly Disagree:	74.9%
Disagree:	17.9%
Strongly Agree:	0.50%
Agree:	2.1%
Neutral:	4.6%
Generally Disagree:	92.8%
Generally Agree:	2.6%
Neutral:	4.6%



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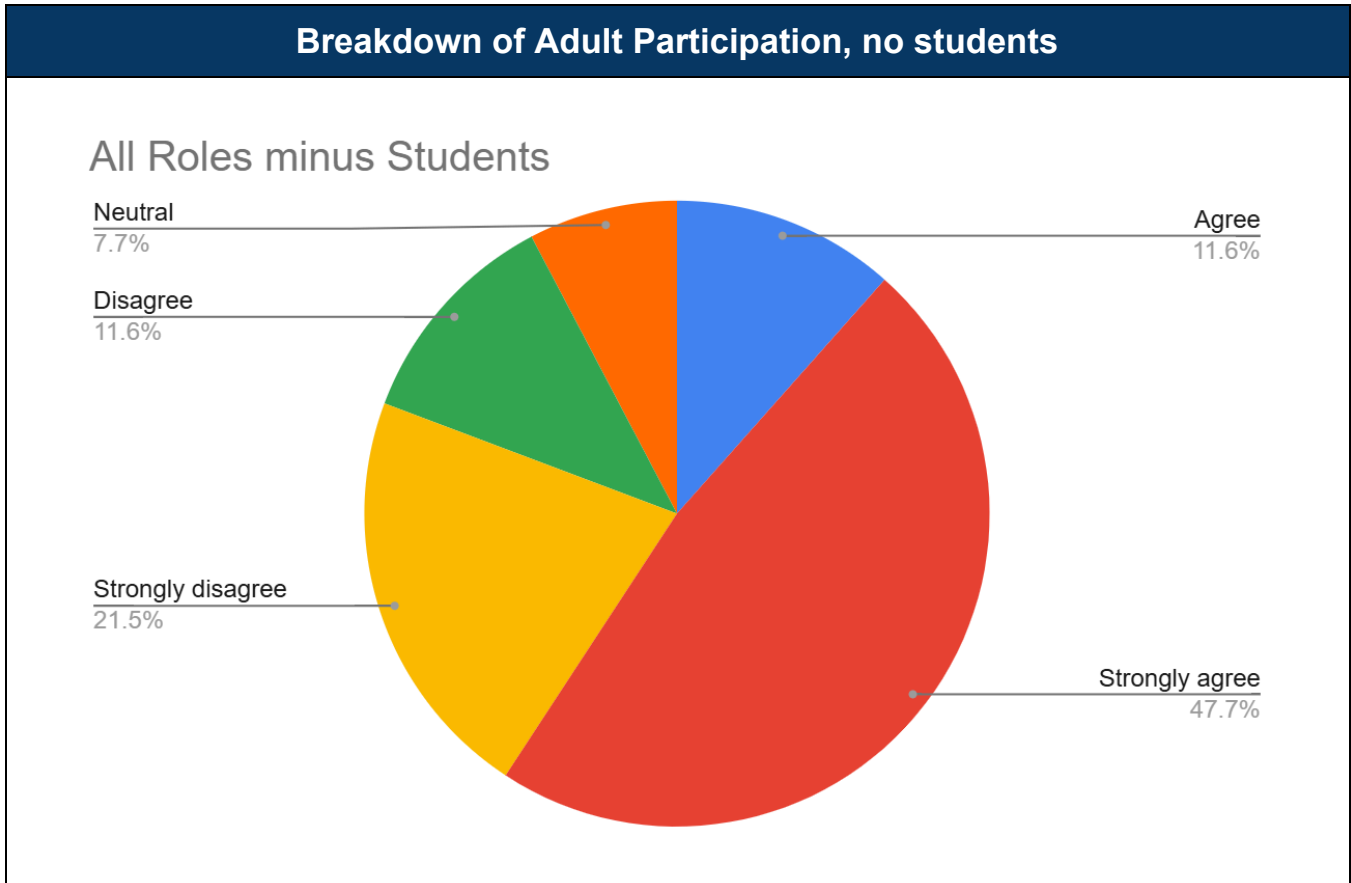


Community	
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Strongly Disagree:	50.0%
Disagree:	6.3%
Strongly Agree:	25.0%
Agree:	12.5%
Neutral:	6.3%
Generally Disagree:	56.3%
Generally Agree:	37.5%
Neutral:	6.3%



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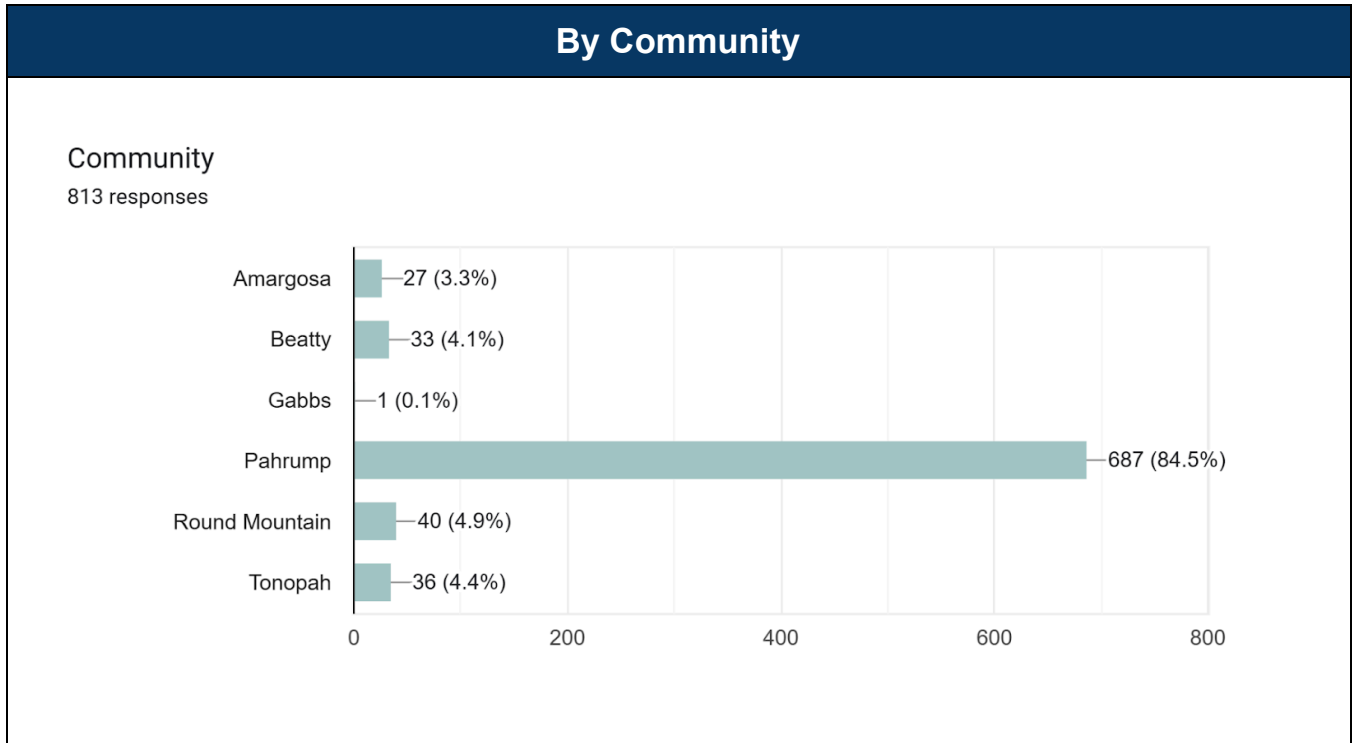


	Adults Only
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Disagree:	11.6%
Strongly Agree:	47.7%
Agree:	11.6%
Neutral:	7.7%
Generally Disagree:	33.1%
Generally Agree:	59.3%
Neutral:	7.7%



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I thought that there was already a rule that cell phones could not be used during the school day. The only change would be turning them all the way off. I support this. As a parent, I do want my kids to have their phones so they can check after school to make sure they know how to get home. But that's all they need it for at school. Phones can definitely be a distraction and should not be used during school hours.

I believe this will be beneficial. When phones are in their pockets and it goes off, their mind immediately goes to wondering who it is, what it is, etc. Having it on them creates a bigger distraction. Also, it will limit some of the cyber bullying and starting of fights as they won't be able to do it during school time.

I think it's a good policy to implement. However, I feel that students should be able to access their phones in case of an emergency.

During classes they shouldn't have access to their phones but I disagree with them not having access during lunch

I agree with it . We should move forward

I don't have a problem with cell phones being turned off at the start of instruction but should be allowed to be turned back on before boarding buses. Bus drivers shouldn't be allowed to force cell phones off during the ride. Currently some bus drivers don't allow students to turn on phones

I have no problem with No Cell Phones during school hours. As long as my children can have it in their backpacks and off is my concern. My children walk and take the bus to and from school so they need to be able to communicate with my in the event of an emergency.

Personally I'm torn. While I do agree there needs to be MUCH LESS use of electronics because they are a MAJOR distraction, our culture now is very heavily reliant on telephone technology. If there were an actual emergency and I needed to call the school to relay the message instead of just directly texting my child, that makes me cringe at the thought that the message might not be delivered at all or time critical and someone else may take it upon themselves to assume it's not critical. This happened twice at my child's last school. Plans changed midday and I was assured twice the messages would be relayed to my daughter and her teacher and they weren't. I followed up with the teachers and they were never told. And yes, emergencies are few and far between but there is no "oops I forgot to relay the message" if it's a life or death situation or something that needs to be taken care of IMMEDIATELY. I also strongly DONT agree that the phones cannot be used during lunch period. I think they should be able to have them on and use them during that time.

I'm all for it. I agree they are a distraction to all children. Also your survey would not allow me to select, "strongly agree."





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I do not believe students should be allowed to use cell phones in class. I think they should be muted and stored in a backpack etc.

However, I do believe that students should be allowed access to their phones during recess, lunch etc. I absolutely oppose kids having no access to phones during the day.

Good idea as long as my child can have it in her school bag for when she is traveling to and from school!

I think that restricting the use of cell phones during the school day is reasonable. However, kids need to be able to quickly access their phones in case of an emergency, such as a school shooting. Perhaps signal blocking phone cases would be appropriate, or allowing kids to keep them on, but in airplane mode, so that they can quickly be switched back into working mode would be a fair compromise. Disciplinary measures of course being set up for those who do not follow the rules of keeping phones in airplane mode throughout the instructional day.

As long as I am still able to get a hold of my child when necessary, then I'm ok with the policy change. I will also expect the faculty and staff to keep the parents informed and updated of any emergency situations.

I agree phones should be put away and only used incase of emergency

I think it is a great policy. I don't believe kids need their phones during the school day. I would like my child to have it prior to and after school just in case something happens during his transportation to and from. I'm not sure I would trust them to keep it in their backpack and off all day but I like the idea of more interaction and less bullying! We all survived without the convenience of being able to have instant contact and this will be an adjustment but I believe it will have a more positive impact than a negative one.

The instructional part of the day only . Not lunch, or in between classes.

I think they should not have them in class but I think while not in class is OK

If policy implemented I don't think the discipline should be to harsh the first year (such as losing dances or special events). Allow parents and student to get familiar to the new policy.

I do think at least high school should be allowed to access their phones during lunch

During classes I agree. During Breaks or Lunchtime kids should be allowed access to their devices. If you are to implement this policy upon the students from start to end of the school day, then you should lead by example: Teachers should have to also turn off their devices as well from the start of the school day to the end of the school day and only have access during their breaks and lunches. This will help ensure that both the Students and their Teachers are 100 percent interactive and focused on each other and the education process.

I agree that cell phones should be off during classes, but students should be able to use them during lunch.



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I agree that cell phones should be restricted from use IN CLASS. Out of sight and stowed in backpacks works. But I don't think that cell phones should be restricted at lunch time or even in the halls. I want my child to be able to receive information from me, and/or reply to texts. I would not want to route this through the office. I know this wasn't proposed, but I do want to make clear that my child should always have the option of access to her phone in the event of a school lockdown or emergency.

I agree they shouldn't be on the phones during the day. But I do think they should be allowed to have the phone at all times in the event of crisis or emergency. While walking to class and lunch they should be able to respond to texts to parents etc. but in the classroom unless the child has an emergency phones should be put away. I strongly feel the more we treat our students like young adults and don't restrict so much they respect and abide more than others always being told can't do this, or this, or this! If students can't abide by the rules while instruction is happening, the. There will be consequences. On a completely different note I feel blacktop should be allowed back at RMS. The kids have no outside time and it is scientifically proven that outside time and exercise helps children focus more. I understand there were some issues at the blacktop, but would it be terrible to have a supervisor/teacher at the blacktop in the morning? Thank you!

I think phones cause a major distraction source for most kids and even adults. Restricting phone usage would be significantly beneficial for learning.

Having cell phone gives the opportunity for cheating. If there is an emergency parents should be able to call the school.

Cell phones should be only used during emergencies during school hours. Phones should be in backpacks during instructional time. If students are using their phones parents should have to pay a fine. This will allow parents to support this policy.

Children should attend school to learn not be on their cells phones

I do believe that cell phones CAN be a distraction from learning but there are times when I need to communicate with my child or maybe just relate something before the school day is over. When i was a student in the late 90s we did not have cell phones and calling the school office worked out fine. Which kind of makes it more neutral for me. On another note, it may helpful to have extra staff to answer the phone. I have called the school before without anyone to answer. Every person has different opinions on what they believe to be urgent. And something may be important to communicate to my child but not necessarily urgent. I will respect whatever decision the board makes. But students should be able to check their phones maybe once or twice during school just incase. If caught with it during class, confiscation until the end of the day and informing the parent is a thought. Because not all parents can afford to go to the school during school hours.



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I think they need their phones on them for safety and that the signal blockers in the school need to be removed. If an actual emergency happens their phones don't work. I agree they can leave the phones in the bags during class time but it is a safety concern for them not to have service.

Allow a check in during free period or study hall

I agree that they don't need to be on the other than for emergency reasons only

I believe a restriction policy should have already been in effect and enforced. I certainly hope this policy doesn't get ignored like the PVHS dress code policy has. I believe all students should be required to read and sign said policy acknowledging they agree and understand the terms. If a student violates the policy, then they should be held accountable. I believe the teachers should have to follow the same policy. Teacher cell phone use could also be construed as disruptive and has the potential to cause disgruntled students. I do not believe phones should be turned off as that hinders the ability to use it during an emergency. I think phones should be on silent and stowed away in backpacks during instructional periods or perhaps set in a basket on the teachers desk at the start of class. I have never tolerated class disruption and my kids will tell you that I have always told them when the teacher is talking, their mouths are to be closed and their ears are to be open. I sincerely thank the NCSD administration and teachers for all they do. You are very much appreciated.

I agree that restrictions should be made, however, I do not think an overall ban from bell-to-bell should be implemented. Many teachers use these as tools in the classroom and often times as a reward when a large project is complete and there is an amount of time left in the class where they don't have sufficient time to start a new project/lesson. I would rather see a ban of any type of earphone, so students can't be listening to something else during instruction. I would also like the restriction be that the devices are to remain in bags until or unless allowed by a teacher, which I know the middle school does. It just feels to me like anything else, when it is restricted or banned, the well behaved kids will follow the rule and those who don't care about rules will find a way around it.

I do believe kids shouldn't be able to film fights and other students. I do believe access to social media via phones is a distraction. I know Rosemary Clark Middle School is one of worst schools for this type of behavior. Our kids do not feel safe going to that school. Mine have one more year until they attend middle school and they are terrified they are going to be beat up. That being said a phone can also help provide evidence when the school cameras are out of range or are not present. Phones should not be out when in class.

However my children have phones that do not have internet capabilities or social media. Their phones also have silent hours where they can only contact a parent when turned on. We have school hours set as silent hours. We use phones for emergency contacts and to help with anxiety my children have. Also the phones have GPS so if I they get lost or worse obtained by someone we will be able to find them. That being said my kids are able to keep their phones in their backpack as they already do unless they need to have a conversation with mom or dad.

I thought this was the rule already!



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I agree they should be turned to silent, but I disagree with them being turned off. To many parents, myself included, track our students. Turning off cell phone gives the child the ability to leave campus without being tracked. On and on silent, My child leaves the school when they shouldn't you better believe I'm going to call him.

Agree with restrictions

I think restricting cell phone use during class time is a great idea, however I feel during their lunch period they should be able to use their phones.

In this age of digital technology being so readily available to students, the idea of restricting cell phone use in class is a sound one. However, as a teacher there are some instances where a cell phone could be of some use within a classroom where no other digital device can be found, and that kind of circumstance should be considered when implementing a "blanket ban" on such devices. Nonetheless, when we as a parent are confronted by such wording as "in order to reach your child, you must call the office" there can be negative influences on their thinking. I am both a teacher and a parent, and I understand not everyone thinks like I do - being able to see both sides to this argument. However, there are those who will disregard the rules, no matter how they are worded. I do believe that in the case of extreme stress (school shooter, terror threat) that students should have access to any form of communication with their parents, regardless of policy. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to participate in this discussion.

I agree a policy should be in place, but in today's culture of school shootings and violence, not being able to contact my child personally throughout the day if an event did occur makes me feel uncomfortable. The middle and high school have over 1,000 students each to keep track of. I know there are other items to consider when it comes to the way students use their cell phones at school, but I feel there should be a balance with them being able to have them, but not visible or readily available during learning time.

Cell phones should be on vibrate in back packs during class.  
Then able to be used at lunch time.

I support students not using their phone during instructional time when they are actually doing schoolwork or learning. However, I prefer to be able to have my daughter get a hold of me if she needs anything or in case of emergency. Times are different and I definitely want my student to be able to text or call me if necessary. Or to be able to call 911 if there is an emergency at school or in the classroom.

Phone access is already restricted, due to a lack of service on campus. In this day and age, with school shootings, kids will be our first line of defensive communication. Hindering this even further could cause issues. Plus School refuses to pass messages to students, so our only way to reach them, with important info is via their phones.  
Plus kids can record people doing wrong things to protect themselves or others.



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### Parent Comments

I think restricting access to cell phone use by students can cause conflict during emergency situations such as emergency, lockdowns and other things. I also think that your cell phone restriction that you have at the high school school that blocks signal it's also an issue if I'm at a high school event of any kind or even close to the high school for that matter I have no cell phone service. It causes problems for the people who live close To the high school and it causes students and parents issues from being able to get a hold of our children in the case of an emergency and I don't wanna hear how you can always call the office because that's automated more than half the time.

I disagree with restricting cell phone through the day too students can communicate with parents if that time of the month has come and are embarrassed too speak too a teacher or administrator

During class they should have them put away even if a teacher collects at begining of class but during breaks lunches should be able to access to check messages possibly from parents

I understand not utilizing cell phones durning CLASS time to avoid any distractions. I do believe students should be able to have access to their phones on their lunch period. I would like to be able to contact my child if there was ever an incident at any point in time. I don't want to have to call the front office along with however many other parents to see if my child is okay. I believe cell phones should be carried on their person, silenced and only utilize when absolutely necessary. My child should know to only have his cellphone in hand during class time if a teacher gives him the okay or in case of an emergency. Again, during class time.

I feel students should be able to have their phones on but on silent mode and not be out in the open or they would receive discliplinary action. In addition, they should be able to use it on their breaks.

I think it should be up to parents

Students should be allowed to use or check their phones at minimum during lunch. I understand breaks are not long and may interfere with getting to their next class. Students already have their phones limited which they should be to an extent. There is currently a lack of social interaction because students are not allowed to sit where they want during lunch. Lunchtime is described to me as a jail sentence and depressing, there is a major lack of social interaction currently and that is already with no phone usage. Lunch is their one main break to see friends and relax, the kids are lucky if they get to sit with friends due to how students are told where to sit. My daughter ends up alone sitting with ppl she doesn't know at all, sitting with strangers doesn't help the social interaction, it's depressing. lunchtime should be a time that a phone can be used, maybe implement a specific area where phones can be used by students with someone supervising that area.



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### Parent Comments

I feel like with the issues facing our kids inside of schools today, our kids should have a way to contact us if they need to. They should be able to reach out to someone in case of an emergency. The school my daughter currently attends block the cell signal inside the school. This makes it hard for us parents to reach them during passing periods and lunch if we have to. I can't look at my daughter's location which unfortunately has become an issue with her. If there is any type of emergency we can locate the kids.

As long as they are not using them during classes they should be able to use their phones. Yes, they can be disruptive and should be restricted to some degree. But, they are a useful tool if teachers can train them how to use them instead of trying to restrict them completely.

They should be aloud to use it on free time  
Prisoners get more freedom than students. Teachers are not teaching anyway. The computers are.

Disagree. Students and parents need to be responsible enough to control and make these decisions. It's not the school/ school district's responsibility to handle this. I believe there are much more important issues the school district should be focused on. Children/teens are always going to find a way around this. Maybe focus on teaching kids how to respect one another and be considerate. Educate them on bullying. Get families involved in that as well.

As long as the teacher is done giving instruction and there assignments are done I see no problem in them using there cell phones.

I don't fully agree with this policy. Given the increase of violence that has occurred in schools over the years, I feel it is essential for a child to have a cell phone. I agree they shouldn't be on the phone during school hours. And if they are caught using it in a non emergency situation then they should receive a consequence. However, I feel they should have it on their person if able to. In their pockets on silent. Children don't always have their backpacks on them throughout the school day. If they are required to keep their phone in there that wouldn't be safe in my eyes. They should have quick access to a phone if need be. Also, having them turn off their phone is a little bit ridiculous. For one, if it's on silent, no one can hear it therefore it wouldn't be a disruption. Secondly, some of us parents have a location tracker through apple. I can see where my daughter is at. In conclusion, I agree with no cell phone usage during school hours. However, they should be able to have them in their pocket. If they are not using them then what is the harm.

I feel we should be more concerned about the safety of our kids and the quality of education the children are receiving. I don't 100% believe my child is safe at this school with the lack of disciplinary actions taken to combat bullying in the school setting along with the lack of education being taught to my child. I would prefer he has his phone in case he needs to reach me in an emergency.



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I have no issues with the idea of there being a no cell phone policy but I don't have the confidence in the schools admin and/or teachers allowing myself or my child to easily get into contact with each other. There has been many times in the past that my child has been told no or was to scared to ask an adult to contact me. There also has been many times I have called the schools to get message to my child and it never happened. The schools already have problems with properly communicating with us in an effective timely manner how am I to trust that they could do it in this matter. I have children at Hafen, RCMS, and PVHS and have had this problem at all three schools.

My daughter is doing well in school with her cell phone. She is active and grades are great. So I disagree. I like her to have her cell phone.  
No cell phone for students = no cell phone for teachers and the rest of the teaching staff.

Although I agree cell phones are a major distraction, it is a distraction for children and adults. Would teachers also have to keep cell phones turned off and put away? Administration? Children learn most from watching what we all do. Cell phones are here to stay. We cannot implement policies to eradicate them from all spaces; we must learn to live with them. I think that we should allow phones turned off & in back packs. If/when there is a school shooter/insider threat, as we know this is a highly probable statistic, I prefer that my child has access to a cell phone. God forbid we need to hear their last words over a terrified, frantic phone call.

I have a child that is type 1 diabetic. As of right now with a 504 plan that allows her to contact me during school hours. It makes it extremely hard for her by staff and teacher to communicate with me. If you take her phone away from her that is also her medical device, what is even the point of her or any diabetic child going to school. If there is plan for diabetic children like there is in clark county with the phone policy how do I know that staff and teachers and going to follow it. Like I said before staff and teachers do not make it easy for her as of right now. How do I know that my child with a severe disease like diabetes is going to feel safe and be safe while at school.

I want my children to have access to their phone at all times. I communicate with my child when important things happen.

It has been my experience that heavy restrictions on modern technology use including cell phones usually has negative effects. This has been the case in our work place and I don't think school is much different. I believe teachers should be able to have some control over cell use in their individual classes, however, cell use before, in between, and after class should not be governed by school policy.

What if my kids need to call me during the day.



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### Parent Comments

I believe this is a grey area. If such policies would have been enforced to begin with, we wouldn't be here where there is an outrage over implementing this. With that said, I believe high school students should be able to have their phones on them. Typically older students are more responsible and use their phones properly. Students younger than 15 should not be using their phones during learning time. Students at this age are less responsible and more prone to bullying. While I can understand both sides of taking phones away and not, it should be handled carefully as to not step on freedoms. Bullying in no way is ok, cheating during class is not a way to learn and so much more. All students should be able to use their phones at lunch, in between periods, after school. I believe this will minimize using cell phones during learning times. But I do believe parents should also be held accountable and should set security restrictions on phones. I have learned to create a family center on snap chat so I can watch over my children and who they are conversing with. We also use family settings where I have put limits on all apps, and websites to maintain what my children are able to see that is age appropriate content and teenage appropriate apps. If a student needs to call their parent, they should have access to their phones to do that but they don't need their phones for anything other than that. I currently have a child home suspended for looking at her phone during Lunch time which the teachers ripped it out of her hand, which when an adult is aggressive like that I'm not sure how you expect the child to react but, phones are parents property they privilege their kids to have and no one should be able to take property like that. There would need to be clear set guidelines, implementation, and unbiased, not grey areas. Policies should be updated accordingly to the growing usage of technology which unfortunately has not been in this case and the outrage from parents and students is expected because it is not being handled properly or ethically.

My niece goes to Pahrump valley and should have the right to use her phone, she should have the right to fail if she wants to. Taking phones away is a rule that will be bent quickly, because of its impracticality.

I think their is good intentions but kids need to be able to also talk with their parents.





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By leveraging the capabilities of cell phones, students can gather information, communicate, reflect, and collaborate in ways that resonate with their digital-native nature, leading to increased engagement and motivation to learn.

The Nye County School District's inability, or unwillingness to utilize or otherwise control this technological resource in a constructive way is not an excuse for removing it from the school experience.

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Learning to focus despite distractions is an unavoidable part of the school-age experience. In my opinion, if you opt to remove phones children will simply find new distractions, methods of bullying, etc.

Do not like it. Lunch was not mentioned in the letter, and I have one in HS and one going into HS next year. I would hate to see the use of "progressive discipline" on a student who was off campus at lunch, during the instructional day.

Enforce the current policy of having phones silenced in backpacks or pockets during school hours. Turning them off limits parents ability to view location. In event of emergency time is precious

I agree students should not be " allowed to use their phones " while in school ( Unless ) they require their parents for a private reason or viceversa.

I Do Not agree with having the phone off.

The phone could be in silent and/or private mode to allow the kid and the parent to contact each other in an important even for them.

And parents should support teachers so the students don't over due with a Non important matter the phone use while at school.

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The phone can be in silent and/or private mode to allow the kid and the parent to contact each other in an important matter.



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### Parent Comments

I understand not being able to use phones during instruction time in class, but i do not support not being able to have access during lunch and other non instructional times.

I disagree with implementing a new policy, it's a safety issue from my perspective. Students should be admonished about cell phone use during classroom hours but to strictly prohibit the use, I firmly disagree. Perhaps a progressive disciplinary plan for over use or misuse but not prohibition.

They are times when I need to reach my kids I will agree with not having the phone out inside the classrooms but I feel that they should be aloud to use them on their lunch break

I think they should not be able to use them in class but between class should be okay.

I believe that my child should be allowed to have their phone on them in the event of an emergency. I feel safer with her having her cell phone on at all times. It may be in silent mode but in the event of an emergency having her turn it on and have to wait for it to power up can be a matter of life and death. All the kids should be allowed to have their phone on at all times. It is not fair to take that away from the students. I agree with keeping it on silent and not using it in class unless there is an emergency.

If something happens I would want my child to get ahold of me with use of their phone, but also not be on their phone if their teacher is teaching. If they are done with their work then perhaps use of the cellphone but I'd like to communicate without my child throughout the day in case I need to let my child know I'm late or someone else is picking him up etc.

Social media I agree is not needed in classrooms unless the teacher has granted them free time. However, a cell phone is also a calculator, can be used for taking notes in class, notes for homework assignments, emailing homework assignments or online submission, class schedule (I would have loved one when I was a kid), research if your teacher is talking about something your unclear of and could look it up vs disrupt the class, etc... My comments are based on mine and my daughter's behavior of being good students who utilize the tools given to us. Understandably, not everyone is of the same mindset. But do we punish the good with the lack of a tool because of the bad? Sounds just like guilty until proven innocent.

I do believe cell phones are a distraction, but I think the student should be able to carry the phone on them in case parents need to get ahold of them, but the cell phone shouldn't come out during class. Students can check them in between class.

I think there needs to be tougher restrictions, but I also think our kids need to be able to access their phones when they need to talk to their parents. I've had several times that my daughters have needed to talk to me for emergencies. Without their phones, I would not have been able to act swiftly.



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I agree with the no phone in classroom, but all the schools voicemail say if we need to reach our children, so they do not disrupt their class time. We have to come down to the school. I cannot drive to their school to inform them of pick up persons, times, reminders or emergencies. Turning phones off or ringer off during class absolutely! I'd prefer it be on silent, so my kids can reach me in case of an emergency like an active shooter in building. The information from the school comes too late, and the info is vague. High school and middle school should be able to use during lunch and pass time for emergencies

I disagree cause my child has amazing grades and the student there honest want to do fun things not just sit all day or make the work fun. They use their phones cause their bored cause the work being taught or shown isn't being done in a interesting or fun way that'll make them want to learn while enjoying it. The phones are showing you their bored and aren't encouraged. Restricted the phone use will just cause chaos within the school with students we both know it.

As a parent and as a teacher I disagree. I understand that some students use their phones inappropriately, but there are so many others who use them responsibly.

In my classroom I use it for Google chat with the technology department, and the office. I use it for class Dojo and it's a requirement for 2-step verification.

As for students, I have 2 of them. My kids know to only use their phones when appropriate. My high school student uses it for classes and clubs, as well as Google chat and emails. With High School students not issued Chromebooks, and not having 1-to-1, how would they complete their work? She uses her device for in chemistry, forensics, and culinary...that's all 3 of her classes. She all has to use it for her GBC classes since they require 2-step verification. These are solely academic concerns, not to mention the concerns where there is an emergency. My daughter was held the culinary pantry during a lockdown drill and not released by the office (they were forgotten), having a full on panic attack. No communication from the school, only from my daughter.

I feel strongly that removing phones aren't going to fix problems, only create more of them.

Student athletes already do not have adequate computer access to complete work during the day because of the lack of internet service and technology. Student athletes need to complete work at school during the given time but can't efficiently. They rely on their phones in some classes because of the lack of technology. We expect student athletes to maintain college level GPA's so the district needs to allow them to be able to succeed with adequate access to computers, internet that works, and time on technology. The students that use their phones for negativity should not take away from the student athletes that are frustrated with limited resources. If you take away the phones then have a plan to allow success for the student population that want scholarships through GPA's.



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As a parent, I feel it makes my child and myself more comfortable knowing they have a form of communication with them at all times. Given the current trend of dangerous situations such as school shootings, knowing my child has their phone on them makes me feel more comfortable for those worst case scenarios. However, I think it would be beneficial to put phones on Do Not Disturb modes or silent modes at all times. As a teacher myself, if I see a phone out, they're instructed to put it away until before or after school hours. They are not to have them on their person during lunch or recess. There are ways to manage this without stripping forms of communications from parent/guardians. In case of a dangerous situation, the front office phones will be ringing off the hook if this ban is implemented. Students do need to realize though that having a phone on their person for safety purposes is a privilege and that they can get their phones taken away for a time being as a consequence. Thank you.

I currently disagree. However, consider addressing smartwatches as well, not just cell phones, since students often use Apple Watches to communicate. For instance, I've observed elementary students using their Apple Watches to contact parents and arrange early pickups. If you plan to implement a new cell phone policy, it should be district-wide and include smartwatches. Additionally, disciplinary actions must also be consistent across the district; leaving it to individual teacher discretion would undermine the policy's effectiveness."

Children will bring phones in class anyway and parents do not always follow the school wide rules regarding cell phone.

Not good during class

I agree that the students should not have their phones out during the day, however, until the threats against school shootings and other violent acts get under control, my children will have their phones with them at all times. They do well to keep their ringers off and keep them in their backpacks. If the teachers allow them to take their phones during free time then I don't see the issue.

I believe my child should be able to use his phone during passing periods and lunch. Especially in the case of him needing to outreach me. During the class time it is acceptable for the children to NOT have their phones, but they should not be restricted during their passing period or lunch, and imposing a penalty/punishment for doing so is an overstep.

I think it's a good idea during class but no phone at lunch is excessive

My son must have his phone as he takes the bus to and from school. As far as not using it at school I'm okay with that.

I maintain a neutral position on the restrictions of cell phones in schools. My primary concern is ensuring that my son has immediate access to me, especially in the event of an emergency. Being able to communicate with him directly provides a sense of security for both of us.

My son has the use of his cell phone as an accommodation in his IEP. He knows when he can and cannot use it during the day. How are you going to provide the accommodation of he is not able to use his cell phone?



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We need to define personal electronics. This could be consider their chromebooks. Just a thought. Cell phones should be in their backpacks during school time either silent mode or shut off

I would 100% agree....IF ONLY I can call the school during the day and have a note sent to my child. Bring back office aides as an elective to run notes to students. Right now the school pre recorded message says they won't give messages. You have to go to the school. That is completely unrealistic. Parents have to give messages at times.

My thoughts...if a student is caught using their phone it should be taken and be will be given back after school. Parents should also be notified

I think it's a good policy. Giving personal stays on top of the policy... le... Following policy.

I agree that students do not need to be on their cell phone during class. But God forbid if an emergency happens I want my child to have the ability to instantly reach me if he is in need of me. He should by all means keep his phone in his backpack during class on silent, but turned off. It takes too long for the phone to actually turn on. The office is usually too busy and don't have the time to relay messages. So again I agree that my student should not be on his phone while in class and he is well aware of that. But in the instance of an emergency I want my son to have the ability to reach me instantly so I want him to have his phone on him at all times, in his backpack on silent so that it is not a disruption to him or his teacher while he's in class.

I agree with restricting cell phone use during school hours. However, there needs to be exceptions made for medically necessary use. My daughter uses her phone to manage her type 1 diabetes. With it turned off, her insulin pump will no longer be able to read her blood sugar and dose accordingly. I ask that you include possible exemptions or exceptions in your policy.

I thought there was already a no cellphone rule. I think restricting the use of cell phones to be a great idea. But I bought my children cellphones for safety reasons. I have their location set on and I use this to make sure they are safe or so I can find them if something were to happen. I don't think student should be turning their cellphones OFF But maybe on silent/ do not disturb and held with the stricter consequences if brought out and used. I think EXPELLING AND REMOVING children who are BULLIES AND CYBER BULLIES WOULD BE THE FIRST STEEP INTO PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN. Not punishing the good children who aren't causing problems

My son uses his cell phone responsibly and as a tool to monitor his grades on canvas and was instructed by teachers to do so. I think using it for this purpose only is acceptable. But I beleive that phones should not be used otherwise during the school day.

as long as students have access to communicate with parents I am okay with this



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### Parent Comments

I agree with the letter for the most part, however in case of an emergency i feel that students should still have the ability to use their cell phones. If there is a way to limit them without taking them away all together i would be on board with it.

As long as they have access in case of emergency.

I am totally ok with this policy, the only concern I have is I hope there will be an exception for kids that need there phones for medical reasons. My son is diabetic and needs his phone to check his levels throughout the day.

I am totally ok with this policy, the only concern I have is I hope there will be an exception for kids that need there phones for medical reasons. My son is diabetic and needs his phone to check his levels throughout the day.

I think kids staying off there phone while in class is a good thing. It will have them pay more attention and interact with each other. I do not like the fact that it states in the letter that their phone should be turned off. I understand the letter also said if you need to get a hold of your child to contact the front office and they'll pass the message. In certain situations I want to be able to get a hold of my child asap at any given time and I do not want her phone being turned off.

I believe that cell phones should be put away during instruction and social times to promote more genuine social interaction and attention. However, I do feel that the phones should be easily accessible for students should a personal matter or emergency arise. For example when my daughter started her period in class she was able to get me a message for pads and clean clothes, I'm sure she could have gone to the nurse for this but no teenage girl wants to go through the embarrassment of that conversation with someone other than their parent. Also if a child is being bullied, bothered, or harassed by another student i would want my student to have to ability to notify me because quite frankly half the time these students that go to the office for these issues just get brushed off as being dramatic.

i agree that cell phones should be put away during learning times and class periods, however i do believe they should be easily accessible in case an emergency arises. for example my daughter was bullied a lot last year and she was able to get a hold of me in a emergency situation where sexual conduct was involved. i was able to get to the school immediately and get the situation handled. the school already has a policy in place where phones should be off and in their backpacks anyway so what is really going on here? if that's already the policy what exactly are you trying to change because it's the exact same for what's in the school policy. i also have other children in the school district that have medical conditions and the quickest way to reach me is them picking up their phone and calling or sending me a message and id be there quicker then it would if the school had to do their "investigating" then calling me. so yes during classes phones should be in their backpacks but should be easily accessible.

I think students should be able to use their phones during recess/lunch. Not during class

I feel students should have access to their phones during lunch time.



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### Parent Comments

I think it should be at the individual teacher discretion. Some teachers have students use their phones for interactive learning. Personal use should be limited and case by case to support 504 and IEP students.

It would alleviate a lot of on campus distractions, including bullying and recordings/ photographs without permission.

I like it.

I think it's fantastic and will promote learning

Restricting phone use during school hours is a great idea and my wife and I are all for it. Students will still have "emergency access" to families via office phones or could access their phones in their bags in between classes if needed. The distractions, addiction to check their phones has grown worrisome and this would teach there is a time and a place to check and be on their phones. I am fully in support of this policy change.

I think it's a great idea. Should have been established years ago.

I think it is needed. Students are way too distracted on their devices as is. When they are at school their focused needs to be on the work and interacting with one another.

I feel this is necessary. I am a parent of a sophomore and a sub at a middle school. I see the distractions and issues the cell phones cause on a daily basis. This does not promote a good or safe learning environment. It's a constant distraction in class and causes many behavior issues outside of class. Examples would be during lunch, taking pictures that are then used to be unkind and sometimes cruel. Setting up fights so they can post on the many social media pages that have been created just to promote such things or embarrass and harass other students.

I fully support the idea. I feel this will help our kids and staff reconnect with education and alleviate extra stress.

I am the JAG Specialist for Round Mountain High school and i strongly agree with this policy, as a JAG Specialist trying to teach kids life skills, the phones make it very hard. They are a huge distraction and a problem daily. I feel they leave my classroom a lot not learning anything. As a parent of students in Round Mountain High School and Elementary i also strongly agree. My child does not need a cell phone while in a classroom learning.

I think it's needed and a great idea.

I believe this will benefit our students.

As staff of NCSD and a parent of 4 NCSD students, I am in favor of this policy. I already have these expectations of my children and think it would be beneficial to them, and all students, to have it adopted as a district-wide policy.



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### Parent Comments

As an employee, I have seen (more times than I can count) where cell phone usage by students has disrupted the classroom environment, and even the entire campus, leading to a rise in concerns and decline in student functioning. In crisis situations, students reaching out to their parents prior to the school, causes unnecessary panic, and an influx of parents arriving to campus. If the situation was real, students notifying their parents could potentially hinder LE focus on student/ staff safety and now puts more people in danger. The other side of it, as a staff, I see cyber-bullying (almost) daily, where students will record fights, other students using the restrooms, air dropping inappropriate photographs, and the list goes on. The mental and emotional anguish that some of these situations put others (victims) in, far surpasses whatever "right" that parents believe their children have to utilize a cell phone during the school day. If keeping their phone on them during the school day (must happen) I fully support cell phone blockers on campus.

I think it's great my child who doesn't have access to social media gets to watch on friends phones during school and I think it is unnecessary.

I have no problem with this as we didn't have cell phones in school when I was growing up.

I think it's wonderful and hope the policy goes through.

I think it's perfect!

I think this is a great idea! My children are in 5th and 8th grade and do not have a cell phones/electronic decices or access to social media. Infact the only source they have to the internet is through their time at school with their Google account and their friend's electronic devices. My older daughter, struggling with mental health, has acted using the school Google account to private message other students which led her to be suspended for cyber bullying and fighting. She was then recorded on another student's cell phone for during the fight and it ended up on social media and shared to multiple people. She is now restricted on her Google account, but I feel she never should have had access, nor should students have their phones. It's distracting to everyone, the student, other students, the teacher, and administration. So much wasted time that our kids should be learning. Thank you for trying to do something about it!- Nikki Halstead

Agreed

Great news

Great step forward to prevent cheating, disruptions of the school day, cyberbullying, and inappropriate use of picture/video surveillance.

I agree, cell phones are a distracting and should not be allowed for use during school hours.

I think it's reasonable, as long as a responsible student can send or receive communication with their parents as a need may arise.





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### Parent Comments

There is no reason for students to have a cell phone in their possession during school hours. I do believe in the students ability to communicate with parents before/after school and feel that if a parent sends their child to school with a phone, it should be turned over/placed in a secure area in the classroom and only given back to the students upon leaving school for the day. If students are caught with the phone during school hours, then the phone should be taken and given to the principal at which time a parent must pick up the phone in person

yes

I believe it is important for the student to be able to take their phone with them, for emergency purposes. That being said, I agree that phones should not be used during class.

If the phones were truly just phones this would be a different story for me. With the access that these kids have through their phones I strongly agree they should not be allowed during instruction periods.

Love it!

Agree.

I believe that they should be restricted.

It's a great idea

I support the policy 100%.

My opinion is that restricting cell phone use during school hours is a wonderful idea. They should be focused on their school work and interacting with people.

I think it is something that should get, they need to focus more on school and classes if this means to take their phones I agree.

I am among the parents that have not provided my child a cell phone as I feel it brings to much Negative behavior. I agree with this policy 100%

I believe student who have cell phones should be use, only an emergency to reach out to a parent. Not to talk or text other students. If the student is using the cell phone doing the instructional day the cell phone should be taken away, and the parents celled.

I'm absolutly agree

Phones are a distraction and should not be used during the school day. I am not opposed to a child having a phone in their backpack, but it should stay in the backpack for the entire school day.

I think it's a great idea they are just distractions

I think it's a great idea.

Personal electronics by students during the instructional day SHOULD BE RESTRICTED.

I think it's a wonderful idea. Kids do not need phones during school hours. They are there to learn, not play on their phones.



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Distraction: Cellphones can divert students' attention from lessons, leading to decreased academic performance. Notifications from social media, games, and messages can interrupt learning. Cheating: With easy access to the internet and messaging apps, cellphones can facilitate cheating during exams and assessments.

Students do not need to be on their phones. They are at school. If anyone needs to get a hold of them they can call the school. The same thing that have been doing for years.

They should have never been allowed to have the in the first place.

I agree with confiscation of a cellphone for usage during the school day. I let my children bring their phones to school in their back pack, and that is where it is supposed to stay during the school day. I send it with them every day so that they can contact me in case of an emergency, and I can see their location with the Life360 app. I think follow through and accountability is extremely important on this rule. I know that there are many occasions where a student will be caught using their phone on campus at RCMS and there is absolutely no repercussion on violating that rule. If the phone is confiscated and the parent has to come to the school to retrieve it, then I would hope that the students might be more apt to follow this rule.

My daughter can only concentrate when we take her cell phone away. It certainly does not belong in school.

This is our schools policy already, so I completely agree with it.

I think phone use should be prohibited during instructional times. The problem I see with the high school is at the beginning of the school year, rules are set in place but soon get ignored a few weeks into the year, including cell phone usage. Some teachers enforce it, some ignore it and some actually encourage using it. Only causes problems in my opinion.

I'm for cell phone restrictions during instructional time.

I thin it should have been in place a long time ago. Kids should be there to learn not sit on the phone.

I believe that this is a very good idea.

Ever since my granddaughter was aloud to take her phone to school her grades dropped significantly. And she never gets her homework done or in on time.

I strongly agree that cell phones can be a big distraction for the students education and also prevents them from socializing with each other .

I don't think kids need phones in the classroom.

No need for phones during school day.



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I think this is a great idea! I am a parent of one of the student who was cyber bullied, so I agree that this is an issue. I also believe that, the school office is for that reason, to call if an emergency. I also believe that kids have a device in a school emergency could also put them or others at risk. I strongly agree to this decision

It is about time. You should have done this from the beginning of cell phones coming to school with children.

I very strongly agree with it. Now a day they use it cheat and get the answers to everything their learning in school they are not trying at all. But, then teachers made you write all the step in your math problem to solve it and then use the calculator to make sure you answers was right. If it wasn't you would have to rewrite it out step by step to get the right answers. And in science and history your teacher made everyone take turns reading out to make sure everyone was following along and learning at the same time. And answers the questions that were at the end of the chapter that was read in the classroom. And not just that they want you to be able to speak up on topics that had to do their class and ask questions and not be shy about it. Homework and projects was sent home because they wanted your parents to know what was going in your education and what you were learning. All teacher grade papers and hate it but, they still want parents to know was going in with their child or children education.

I think the phones should be put up and on do not disturb during the instructional day. Kids can use their phones before and after school

My thoughts are that it is about time something be done to restrict cell phones during school.

I do NOT allow my children to bring phones to school, they have absolutely no reason to!

Great idea!

If it's ever a disaster. My child needs to be able to contact me right away.

Good. Restric them

Agree cell phones are stunting social development and provide a significant distraction. Keeping phone off in backpack or in a named cubical still allows emergency use.

I believe this would greatly benefit kids. I have witnessed many kids usually from middle school age up, who don't know how to communicate with one another and use their phone as a way to avoid other people and because of that they struggle to make friends and suffer from depression and isolation. I am wholeheartedly for this policy and only see it as a positive to uplift the school environment for NCS D students and staff.

Cell phones should be banned entirely from campus. Millions of kids survived without a cell phone for generations.

I agree 100%



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I agree with the new policy 100%. Cell phones are a tremendous distraction and draw a significant level of focus away from the purpose of school: Which is to educate, and foster genuine face-to-face social interaction with peers and educators. K-12 School is a critical opportunity for adolescents to learn how to effectively communicate in the real world and become productive members of our American society. I'm not completely against cell phones or social media. They are fine in moderation. This policy indirectly teaches students that moderation is good thing.

I completely support the idea of limiting or banning cell phone use in schools. Studies show that too much screen time can negatively affect the teenage brain, so setting this boundary makes sense. Reducing phone use can help cut down on distractions in class, prevent cyberbullying, cheating, and relying on phones in awkward social situations (which can then help increase learning some vital social skills that I believe the ease of turning to the phone decreases).

This rule could encourage students to interact more with each other and create a safer, more focused learning environment. I'd also feel better knowing my child is less exposed to harmful content in unsupervised settings. I think this policy should also include school buses to ensure consistency and safety in that environment as well.

I think it is a very good idea to restrict phone usage during the school day. I think it will be a tremendous benefit academically, socially, and even mentally, as more research is showing a link between phone usage and mental health issues in young people. I also think it will go a long way in supporting teachers, who have probably already discovered that phone usage in class is a problem. Having school policy back them up can only help. Thank you!

I would agree that there is zero reasons that a child/teen needs a phone at school. I'd like to know what the tier is going to be for discipline though.

My daughter started 6th grade at RCMS we were uner the impression that this policy was already implemented. Every teacher we encountered reminded all students and parents that this year cell phones were allowed but while at school phones were to remain turned off and kept in their backpack. HOWEVER, this policy has NOT been enforced by all staff. Students have been using their cell phones during class and not getting in trouble for doing so. In order for a policy like this to be effective, it must be adhered to by EVERYONE AT ALL TIMES, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Agree completely as long as they are still permitted to keep them in their backpacks.

I agree. Cyber bullying is very prominent in RCMS. As long as my child has access to her phone in the case of an emergency, then I agree with restricting phone use throughout the instructional day.



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Before school and after school is their personal time and therefore they can use if they choose. In case of emergency, parents can call the school or vice versa, students can use school phone to call out. There are already too many distractions that detour kids from learning as it is. I agree 100% on no electronic device (cell phone) usage during school hours, lunch included. Of course, this will only force kids to now go in the bathrooms to use their cell phones, but that is a problem for another day.

I agree with this policy as both a gasification and an employee of the district. Students need to be a engaged in their learning without the distraction of a cell phone. I believe it is acceptable for parents to go through the office of needed and for the students to still have the cell phones in their backpacks to use before or after school hours.

To add to my first response, teachers and work staff should all be held accountable to the same degree during school hours as they should be leading by example and be following the same rules. Of course on their breaks is a different story and could have leeway as long as they aren't taking advantage or setting a bad example in front of students.

It's about time!!

I am in agreement with it. My only concern is unfortunately NYE county and I'm sure a lot of other school districts around the country have put so much information on apps that it is almost impossible for me as a parent to also enforce a similar rule at home. Me as a parent and my daughter as a student have to on cellphone use just to look at her grades and assignments. I'm an older parent and I am sure a lot of students in this school district have older parents or even grandparents raising children. I realize it is a very effective way of communicating to thousands of parents and students, and I honestly don't have another solution yet. It just at time's enforcing no electronic/ screen time rules difficult.

I absolutely agree with this. My sons say there are now many students who are cheating along with all the other problems of being addicted to their phones. They can use an app and take a picture of what is in front of them and the problem is solved for them. So on top of students feeling like they are having to check their phones constantly, they are using them to plagerize & or attain grades that aren't even theirs.

I agree for the students to have their cell phones in their backpacks during school hours, but instead of having them off, it's best to have them on silent. That way in case of a crisis, they can use them immediately instead of waiting for it to power on. If you need to email me I can be reached at [zulma.cardounel@yahoo.com](mailto:zulma.cardounel@yahoo.com) or at the number mentioned here.

Cell phones are a distraction as well as a means for cheating and cyber bullying. They should not be allowed during school hours.

This needs to be done not only to remove distractions from the educational environment, but to improve their social skills they will need as adults in the workforce. These kids barely talk face to face. It's mostly through texting.



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I believe that there are enough distractions in a young persons life. Allowing one more unneeded distraction, makes it just that much harder for our students to stay focused on the task at hand.

Please make the language clear, the letter mentions that no cell phone during instructional day, does this include lunch, recess or any other breaks in the instructional day? Please state exactly what you mean.

I agree on this policy and it also be for school staff, when the kids are in recess, the staff instead of be watching the kids, they are in their phones and allot of insidents happened during that period, i sub for the school nurse and some days is really bussy due to the lack off attention that teachers and staff.

As we can not pretend cell phones are not a part of daily life, it is still a responsibility of parents and schools to produce productive, and successful, members o, f society. We all carry our cell phones with us everywhere we go, and we also fallow rules we sometime don't like. Our children need to learn how to do this. School is so much more than just a book education, it is molding the next generation, our future. Technology and phones ARE part of our future. Children that cant pay attention or obey basic rules jeopardize this future. Teachers need to be able to have some control over their students and the technology they use. With that said, a school policy needs to be implemented that allows teachers to tell a student to put their phone away, use your phone for "X" project, or what ever is appropriate for the given lesson plan. Does a blanket restriction solve the problem? Do we accept the future and give our teachers the support to include phones and other technology in the rapidly changing curriculum? YES! Yes, i support restricted use. Yes I support inclusive lesson plans. Yes I support much more research, discussion and evolution of phones in the school place. Without compromising privacy, our teachers need to have control of if and when phones are allowed.

I think this is an excellent start to improving student grades/attention in class. School is for learning, and phones/electronics present a distraction to the learning process.

It's perfect! Students should be focused on their education not entertaining themselves during school hours.

Completely agree. It is a distraction from learning.

Cell phones should not be in classrooms

I don't believe that any students should be allowed to bring any electronics to school and if they do bring any electronics to school they should be confiscated and returned to the parent or guardian at the end of the school year

I don't think the kids need further distractions at school. If the school is willing to step in and assist with the administrative part of the communication between parents and kids, phones should be left at home There is to much social emphasis put on things at school, phones, apps, clothing, status.



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My son has told me, students are allowed to be on their phones when finished with class assignments. I believe that time could be used for reading, studying or test preparation.

I think it should be implemented ASAP.

I think it's a great idea. My kiddo personally is distracted by her phone throughout every class and it is severely impacting her grades. I 100% support no cell phone use on school property.

I fully support a cell phone ban/restriction in ALL grade levels. Children have gone to school for centuries without cell phones. We don't need them now. Having a cell phone in an event of a crisis, doesn't make your child/student any safer than without one.

I believe it is something that must be done. Children are at school to learn and being distracted with a phone is counter productive. I understand some parents feel the need to be able to reach their child at all times, but school is the exception. I don't think they should be taken away but made to turn off. Same with teachers. There is no need to have a cell phone during school hours.

Agree it needs to be restricted.

That's great! Avoids any student on failing and distracting themselves and not learning. School is to learn not to be on the phone that's what after school is for. Phones are provided for emergency use when it comes to our children

Good idea, it is not consistent in the secondary levels whether the students are to keep them away as it currently is. Some classes allow students to have their phones out, which then makes it harder for the next teacher to tell the student to put it away. Every minute spent dealing with cell phone distractions is a minute of instructional time lost.

Should have been implemented years ago.

I would be okay with it as long as students are allowed to have their phones, in their backpacks, and on silent. I don't think students should be allowed to use their cell phones during the school day to listen to music, work, etc. Emergencies are the only exception.

Cell phones are a distraction from the learning environment. Chromebook's are available in classrooms for technology use.

I do not think cell phones should be allowed on campus at all. Students are completely attached to their phones and social media. We need to help guide our youth to focus on the importance of learning.

I think this is a great idea and should be implemented fully. Exceptions should not be made for certain grade levels or activities.



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As a parent of elementary aged students, my children do not have cellphones so this would not impact us as a family.

As a teacher, this is a constant battle. I have no problem with students using their phones as tools (calculators or a back up to a dead Chromebook). When I am in the middle of a lesson and I look out to the class and several of them are looking at their laps it is very frustrating! I support which ever decision is made, however, the restriction would be welcomed.

I think it should be more strict. Students are already not supposed to have visible phones in class and that doesn't stop them. They should be locked away if they are on campus. San Mateo High School provided locked sleeves (Yondr Pouches)to the students each day so the students could have their phones but no access to them. They were unlocked and taken home after school.

The students quickly grew to appreciate that and their feedback on the policy was positive. <https://machronicle.com/the-phone-free-future-of-high-school-education-is-here/> I HIGHLY ENCOURAGE FOLLOWING SAN MATEO HIGH SCHOOL'S POLICY. In the heart of the tech universe, silicon valley, high schools are restricting phone use!

I believe students do not need their cell phones at all during the day. If they need to contact home, they can talk to the teacher or office for permission to call from a landline. Because of cell phones, I have seen so many fight videos right inside the RCMS bathrooms or outside on school grounds. The cyberbullying is dangerous as well. Students should be focusing on school work and their behavior, not their social media.

I am in full support of the restriction of cell phones while in class. Cell phones are a distraction when it comes to learning especially at a secondary level. My older kids will text me while in class (which I tell them to get off their phones during class time) and most of the comments I get from their teachers are that they are constantly on their phones which is not acceptable, they are at school to learn not to be on cell phones. By implementing reasonable restrictions on cell phone use, schools can create a more focused, productive, and positive learning environment for all students.

I think it's needed and a great idea.

I support it





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### Parent Comments

I work at Rosemary Clarke Middle School and we have a current cell phone policy in place that matches this plan. Cell phones must be put on silent and placed in backpack. If students are caught using phones, they are confiscated and discipline is enforced. It works well at RCMS. Teachers and administrators do need to be consistent and firm in this policy in order for it to work. Thankfully at RCMS our staff and admin are all on the same page. I DO NOT want to require students to turn their phones into the classroom teacher at the start of the class. This will take too much time away from instruction, put teachers into possible situations where students can make accusations, and stress parents out that if there is an emergency students phones are not in close proximity to their child. If the plan is to just have them turned off, in their backpack, and progressive discipline....I am on board with that!

I support a new cell phone policy restricting their use during the instructional day, as long as students can still access their phones in their backpacks for emergencies. Cell phones often serve as a significant distraction in the classroom, leading to disengagement and taking away valuable instructional time. Additionally, unrestricted access to phones and social media can contribute to a variety of issues, such as cyberbullying or inappropriate content. A clear and enforceable policy would help create a more focused and productive learning environment, allowing teachers to dedicate more time to instruction rather than managing phone-related disruptions.

I agree with it. Phones are a huge distraction for our students and I cannot compete with them while trying to instruct. Our society as a whole is addicted to them. There are studies showing the scrolling and dopamine reward from doing so are rewiring our brains and can cause ADHD type of behaviors.

I like my children being able to get a hold of me anytime they want. They need to know they can reach me at any time they feel unsafe, are sick, or are having problems at school. I think it should depend on the teacher themselves. The teachers spend as much time on their phones as the students do. If the specific teacher doesn't want them having their phones in class, they can have the students turn off the phones and put them in a basket on the teachers desk. Don't restrict phones on campus.

There are so many rules already, it's a fast way to do Safe Voice. If you take away the phone they will take longer to safe voice or not safe voice at all.

I don't see this being a very good idea because most times when something happens at the school, the parents aren't even notified. I also will try to reach me child and the phone will just ring. If these things can change first, I will consider it. Also I am stating incidents from Beatty High School. I am always well informed through Amargosa Elementary.

Office staff is not quick to relay messages to students in case of an emergency. Schools are low on staff and to relate a message (emergency) will take a long time and may not reach the students at all. Students should not have usage of cellphone during CLASS but should be able to access their phones between periods, lunch, breakfast exc.



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I feel like they should worry more about teaching what actually matters and not think they can control what our children do. You are just a school not a police force. Keep it up and everyone will be pulling their children out of these dumpsters you call schools.

Cell phones are a part of everyday life. It is much easier to get a message to a student in the form of a text versus an office as large as say Rosemary Clarke middle school having to send messages to individual students. As technology advances, we need to adapt. There's no reason they shouldn't be able to be on their phones during free time. Maybe instead of banning phones during lunch, we just bring back outdoor recess aides to ensure less bullying

The phone is there for her to get ahold of her family at any point in time. I can see it being put on silent mode during school hours. But I do not trust anyone working in the school district to notify me. If she feels that she needs to call me for her safety, she will have her phone regardless. Speaking as a "troubled kid" that dealt with this in my past. My child has every right to call her parents in any situation at school.

Do not agree

The limited access to a reliable signal in the high school has already proven to be difficult enough in an emergency. The school needs to stop forcing the CHILDREN to improve the education environment and do the work they're already paid for by the community. We're FORCED to serve our children there, the least they can do is treat our children like students and not prisoners. My son went an entire year without his paras and THIS is what you're focusing on?? Do better.

The school district worries too much about parenting issues vs education. I send my child to school to learn. If my child makes the choice to not learn because they are using their cell phone, that's their choice.

If you restrict the children, go ahead and lead by example and restrict every employee, teacher and administrator. Monkey see monkey do.

Instead of worrying about cellphones and vapes, worry about why Nevada is so lacking in education. Obviously we have the wrong focus.

The school is getting way too involved in the personal doings of these children and less involved about educating them. It's pathetic.

Emergencies. School shooting statistically are called in by students.

I do not agree with restricting policy and discipline towards cell phone usage.

There have been so many times my student had reached out with an issue and needed me .especially with all the lockdown scares. Praying this does go through

As long as my child is not disturbing the class then I don't see a problem. Plus kids have to learn to deal with and tune out distractions in the real world anyway, what better time then now?



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Students are old enough to be able to use their cell phones on campus as long as they aren't disrupting class and have their phones muted in class. They should not be restricted at lunch and in between classes on campus as long as it isn't effecting their class. High school students have many more activities that affect their time and there have been times my children have needed to contact me during school hours and vice versa. Relying on the front office for this isn't always efficient and could lead to more students missing class time and bombarding the front office since there are many students on campus.

I want to have access to my child if plans change for him after school. He rides the bus home some of the days and others, he is picked up. I don't want to deal with contacting the office and hoping my child received the message and either got on the bus or didn't. If the school district moves forward of this, it will be one more thing for me to consider whether or not I pull him from school and enroll him online and home school him.

With what I have read I can tell you that restricting the use of cell phones is not a good idea. I need to be able to reach my kid at all times of the day. I understand that I would have to call the office to let my kid know but there is over 1000 kids in Pahrump Valley High School and I do not trust the school with telling my kid about the message I'm trying to give. It would 100% be more easier to just text my kid. So my concern is my message not reaching my kid through the office.

Let's focus on making our schools safe and we would feel better about our child not having their phone on them.

As much as I hate that some students do abuse of this privilege I believe that communication between students and parents are very important. In case of any emergency. My child will be taking his/ her phone with her at all times.

I feel that continuing to restrict freedoms of kids that are respectful as a result of choices made by children who abuse freedom is not acceptable. It is upto parents and teachers to set rules and consequences for breaking those rules. Children who cannot be trusted with the freedom to have a phone should have their right to have a phone during class restricted. We have to set better examples for them now if we want them to be better adults.

You should rephrase this to during class time. Children do reach out to parents before the schools end in between classes or during breaks when after school programs change or the will participating in an after school function. I don't see if it's a lunch break or any other break that's outside of the classroom time how that would be a problem. We shouldn't punish the children who use their devices properly.



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I'm completely against the restriction of cell phones, as I do not feel that the schools can keep track of all the kids, and keep them safe, in case of an emergency. I am not comfortable with the school controlling something that I pay for, and have given my kids. My children also have activities during school in which they need to reach us afterwards. If this becomes a thing, I'll seriously consider pulling my children and homeschool, so I know my children are safe and I can reach them throughout the day. When the district pays for my bills, they can tell me when my kids can have their phones.

I think it's absolutely ridiculous. Worry about teaching my children, not parenting them. That's my job.

I don't believe the schools should have rules about using cell phones i believe if my child is doing reasonable in school he should be allowed to use it as long as someone isn't giving instruction and work is getting done

Strongly disagree to start in the middle of a school year

The restriction should be during class time only. While in class the student may not be on games social media or other forms of non-constructive applications. However many students use their phones to take a picture of notes from the board.

In between classes and at lunch is the students personal time and the schools policy does not and should not extend to use of personal property.

The abysmal signal reception at the Pahump Valley High School should be enough to restrict the students use during class.

If the school is giving out a wifi password for laptops that children are using for their phones consider configuring your wifi to block mobile devices.

Considering that data usage on a cell phone cannot be regulated, consider creating a culture within the school of using my cell phones appropriately INCLUDING the teachers, staff, and administrators.

Ultimately the school will not be able to legislate children away from their phones. You must find a way for the children to intrinsically motivate themselves.

I think that my children should always be able to use their cell phones. I don't pay for it to be off and tucked away in a backpack when we've had past issues of theft from their backpacks. This is a ridiculous request. I want to be able to contact my child regardless of what time of day it is. And I should be able to do so through the phone I pay for. And to restrict during lunch, too? I cannot think of a reason that a child wouldn't be able to use their cell phone during lunch when not in class.

I can't speak for other kids, but my child is responsible and knows when using his phone is appropriate and when it's not.



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My sons old school had this policy and he and everyone including me hated the policy

I want my child to be able to contact me at any time

You are restricting the many because of the few. You need to manage the few that are distributive to the many. The collective should not be constrained to the few that are the issue. You are the responsible party to manage the group. We as parents, entrust our children to you and entrust that you protect them and teach them to be proper adults in your care, as we do in our own homes.

Please control the few that are distrusting the classroom, and if this is not possible then restrict the presence of the individual who is responsible for the distraction or bullying to others.

I am writing to express my concerns about the school's no-cellphone policy and how it impacts my daughter. While I understand the intention behind limiting cellphone use to minimize distractions and promote a focused learning environment, I believe there are important considerations that warrant an exception or a more balanced approach to this policy.

First and foremost, cellphones play a critical role in ensuring the safety and security of our children. In today's world, emergencies—ranging from personal health crises to school-wide incidents—can occur unexpectedly. The ability for my daughter to quickly reach me or for me to contact her provides invaluable peace of mind. While I acknowledge the school likely has emergency protocols in place, a direct line of communication offers an additional layer of security.

Secondly, cellphones can serve as essential tools for education and personal organization. Many devices provide access to applications that aid in studying, scheduling, and even improving mental well-being. A more flexible policy allowing restricted or supervised use of phones during appropriate times, such as breaks or study periods, could align with the school's goals while recognizing these benefits.

Lastly, fostering responsibility is a crucial part of a child's development. By permitting limited cellphone use, the school can create opportunities to teach students about proper digital etiquette, balance, and prioritization. Complete prohibition may inadvertently deny students the chance to learn how to responsibly integrate technology into their daily lives—an increasingly important skill in our modern world.

I respectfully request that the school consider revisiting its cellphone policy.

I don't feel that Steven should have them in the classroom, but I feel like during passing. But they should be able to use them if needed.

No, I don't agree with this. My kid needs access to her phone, if she is having trouble putting it away when it isn't time then that's when we could talk about this.



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Don't use during class. Lunch should be allowed so students can check messages from home. This would cut down on the office being overloaded with student messages.

I strongly disagree. With the world being chaotic, I feel safe with my child having her phone on her & not turned off. We communicate during the day for a many reasons, it makes my children and I feel safe. Also, my child is a jr and is treated like an " adult" in school and being taught life skills for adulthood. You have rights as an adult to use your electronic devices.

Unfortunately We have experienced several instances where schools have not notified me during serious situations so I have had to purchase a phone for my children to contact me for emergencies because I could not rely on the school

I think its ridiculous, unsustainable, and irrelevant

I disagree plus with all the school shooting I want my kids to have their phone with them. For emergency purposes you never know what could happen.

My son is autistic and I need to have access to him and him to me at all times. There have been numerous times my son has been marked absent but was present at school. Administration calls the teacher and he will still say my son isn't there. It is only because my son has a phone that we were able to locate him at the school. These days with everything that happens at school it is not safe to not allow them to have phones at school. It is there right to have access to their parents if they need to contact them. If this goes through, I and many other parents will pull our children from this school and start our own co op high school and PVH will suffer financially from the loss. I will not stand to have my rights or my child's rights taken away more than they already have.

My son is a type 1 diabetic, his blood sugar meter is linked to his cell phone. Having his cell phone is paramount to his health.

Children abusing the privilege should be reprimanded. Children not abusing the privilege should be able to have their phones on them at school

We have so much going on in our life and with the state of the world in general I think it is absolutely necessary that the students are allowed to have their cell phones. I honestly do not feel safe at the thought of not being able to communicate with my children. The thought of calling the school to leave a message for my teenage sons(one is a legal adult)is a joke.

My students have a cell phone on them so I can see where they are, and their phone have to be turned on to do that. My students do not use their cell phones during class. And If I need to relay a message to them or them to me they are needed. Jg johnson and PVH does not allow parents to call and relay messages to the students so texting them is the only way to do that.

My son should have his phone available to him at all times to use in case of an emergency



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Cyberbullying usually happens after school hours. I feel that if teachers don't want them to use their cell phones or be on their cell phones during tests or class working in general the teachers should put down the strict rules for that. That is on the teacher not the school district. My grandson needs to listen to music to concentrate. It is documented that it helps him. Some people have to chew on chewing gum. Some students feel left out and alone no matter what. So don't try to blame it on others being on cell phones. People social distance and antisocial themselves all the time. 9 out of 10 times it's by choice.

I disagree with it completely. We no longer live in a time that does not use technology. There should be a better way to restrict phone use during class but not completely eliminate it.

I think I that this policy should only implemented on Elementary and middle School only a lot of our high school kid have jobs and different needs and responsibilities they need that line of communication

It doesnt make sense.

I disagree with the new cell phone policy due to it being a hazard for emergency reasons if my child needs to contact me for an emergency and they can not have access their personal device.

My child has a hard time at school without his phone. He has no one to talk to without it.

Life is evolving around phones, and theres nothing we can do about. But we can try working with the phones instead of against them. There are very personal situations out that that do not need to be shared with anyone else besides their child nor are comfortable with tell that you don't know. I think its stupid.

If a child needs to tell their parents something immediately they should have access to their phones. A school should not decide when a child can or can't communicate with their parents. If parents have an emergency or need to let their kids know something important like how they get home that day a school should not take away the phones.

My child should have the ability to contact me if needed. The office is very unresponsive and the woman with the purple desk clearly hates her job. Relying off of them for information is beyond ignorant, and I will pull my child from school if this policy goes into effect. I am not the only parent who disagrees with this and the fact that you have already made it so that my child must go to certain areas in the building in order to have service to contact me is insane. I cant imagine being in a lock down or dangerous situation with the outside world knowing everything and those inside know nothing. That is not productive in the slightest and even if they are aloud to use phones during emergencies, let them listen to music while they work. Plenty of ids, mine included need some music to focus on their required tasks.

Emergency use only

I think they should be able to use there phones during lunch. I understand that during class time they should be off or silent but during lunch is there free time.



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Cell phones should be available for emergency use. If a student abuses said privileges, then I condone a device being revoked.

In the rural schools where the child can be as far away as the next town over them being able to reach me as a parent in case of an emergency at the school means most to me.

Times are different now. Much more violence in the schools and world in general, and we deserve to be able to reach our kids/our kids reach out to us immediately in the presence of danger.

no

Nope. While they should not be a distracting in class, they should be able to have them in cases of emergency.

I dislike it very much. I want to be able to communicate with my child throughout the day.

In understand there was is a need but the need to communicate with my son is more important

I don't think we need cell phone use as another disciplinary action for the schools to use against our students.

Current policies and procedures are not being enforced so why add another that is not going to be followed and puts more on teacher's plates. As it is kids are not supposed to have their phones out so enforce that before trying to make another rule on the same issue.

If the students have to be restricted from using their cell phone during the school day, the staff at the school should also be restricted. I see teachers and aids in the classroom all day long on their cellphones.

You already have a policy place just enforced the policy you have you don't need to change everything because a couple of kids, This is asinine, My son uses his phone for his studies as in his IEP, Enforcing the rules is more important than rewriting them every single time something happens. A new policy punishes kids that have done nothing wrong. Mass punishment is not the way to fix things. It's the same thing as if I hit you in the face with a pen. Are you gonna get mad at me or are you gonna have an argument with a pen? Or take away the pins from everybody?

I think students should be allowed access to their devices in case of emergency

No, because it's the only way to communicate with my kids. My son was wrongfully accused of something and I only found out because he texted me he was in the office. Kids need to have an open line of communicate for safety reasons!

I strongly disagree

Bad idea. With all the issues schools with bullies and active shooters. I want my child to have the ability to call for help.





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I disagree with the proposed policy due to the fact that children should have access to their personal devices as needed. Some students use their devices as a calming mechanism, supportive devices and as a protective device during the case that a crime is being committed or that a child feels unsafe. Cell phones use by students has aided in bringing justice to several cases where students were physically assaulted during school hours to include a hazing incident in the football weight room a few years ago that was later linked to the coaches; without that footage justice may have never been given to those victims and without those videos and photos being made public the school would of down played and or not even acknowledge or addressed the issue with parents. Cell phones also give direct access to alert parents immediately of an incident a powered down device being powered on during a critical incident could alert to that student's location ending in tragedy. Also our students retain their first and fourth amendment rights, any search or seizure of their personal property or attempt to silence their ability to speak freely on public platforms is a violation. The school should also look into cases of being sued for breaking phones illegally confiscated and laws that prohibit the government from interfering with personal devices which is why recording in public spaces or public official etc is not illegal and can not be intervened with. Classroom conduct can be reviewed but when classes are actually taught by teachers and not substitutes or hall monitors than the student should have every right to record the lesson for recollection later. In closing this policy will most likely violate several IEPs and possibly even have parents advocate for adding

I do not agree with this policy at all. There have been so many school shooting or other crisis that if it wasn't for cell phones us as parents would have not known about if it wasn't for our children having cell phones.

Due to recent threats and actions, specially in other states, students should always have the phone on them and ON. If, God forbid, an incident were to happen in school by the time students turn on their phone and call for help it would be too late. Phones provide an essential life line in case of emergency. As a parent I dont want my kids to solely rely on teacher competence for safety during emergencies. What if the teacher is in the incident and gets disabled, students must be able to call for help using their personal electronic devices.

I think we should be preparing our children for real life experience which includes being able to work and function with a cell present at all times in all fields  
Children should learn to use them during appropriate times without adult interference. I as an adult have learned when it's appropriate to use my phone in all environments. School is just one environment. Stop over controlling our children and start teaching  
Use moments to teach lessons as to why cell phone use is or isn't appropriate.

To many videos have surfaced of teachers, staff, and even law enforcement not adhering to policy and even breaking laws. Sometimes a camera present can be the difference between justice or getting away with murder.



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I do not like it when you take my son's phone away my son has a phone for a reason it's locked up to a certain extent while he is in school I have noticed that also he does not have cell service when he is at school what difference does it make if he has the phone please do not take my son's phone away

Chrome books are not given to each student anymore and a cell phone is a resource. There should be rules for each building example: one set of rules for elementary, another for middle school and another for high school. This is so that the children feel the rules are equal to the maturity level of the students. There should be consequences for the abuse of use while at school when they shouldn't be on it.

I don't think that our kids should not be allowed to have their phones, as they're in place for emergencies and you take that away from them, in an emergency our kids won't be able to call their parents or guardians, and the school district shouldn't have that authority.

I believe that our kiddos should have unfettered access to their devices. My primary reasoning is that it would be for their safety in case of an emergency. Also, the adults around them have access to their devices and utilize them in their presence. It is unfair to expect them to relinquish their devices when staff does not do the same. Further, should a true lockdown situation occur, I feel our students should have the ability to have both possession of their devices and the ability to use them. The current state of WiFi blocking that PVHS has chosen to implement is extremely disappointing. It is also less than effective in accomplishing its goal. Instead, I wish the NCSB School Board would reconsider an alternative approach: The NCSB Board could grant all students access to a school WiFi network with access that is gatekept (restricted and monitored) via student ID number. IT could restrictions and controls on those specific sites that cause the distractions they wish students to avoid (eg social media sites etc.). This is the approach utilized by our previous school district (IUSD, which is one of the top 100 school districts in the nation). This methodology allows students to leverage the technology they already have in hand - and their families (and sometimes they themselves) are already paying for - to emphasize their learning experience. They are called smart devices for a reason. This generation did not exist in a world without them. Please keep that in mind when making decisions about how you choose to reach, teach and police them. We created this situation and they did it ask for it. Thank you for taking the time to listen to my opinion and suggestions.

As a parent I want my child to have access to her phone should an emergency arise. I'd rather have the ability to communicate with her.



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I strongly disagree with taking the kids phones away. If I need to message my kid something that is up to me and my kid can respond when he can. It is up to the parents to make sure the child to get their work done and study accordingly. As a graduate of PVHS we did. I have phones but we had kids, jokesters , class clowns, student athletes, kids who ditched class, etc that were the distractions. My point is no matter what there will always be something or someone who wants attention. As far as the bullying goes, it there no matter what.

Kids having phones is like having a traveling camera system, they can't lie about who did what once you get the footage.

Why punish the whole school when only some of the kids are a problem. I personally am very involved with my kids. If my kids are an issue I would expect a call home from the teachers/staff. Sadly not all parents are and maybe those kids should have their phone taken but what's to stop them from getting a prepaid phone and turning that one in instead...

It is moronic to use Corporal punishment to punish all Tonopah high school students for the actions of some junior high students Because they share campus

I think we should allow students to be able to use cell phones during a appropriate times, for a brain break which helps students take a break from school work and then go back to working on school work. And not only that reason but also allowing students to contact parents during a emergency or if something is going on at school that they cant tell a teacher because there "to busy" doing something when something is going on. Not only is banning cell phones a bad idea, what if a family member or someone is in danger and no one else is answering there phone for help. I also think allowing students to use there phone when and if there work is all done for that class.

I strongly disagree with the cell phone policy update. There has been multiple times where I was unable to get ahold of the school to find out why my student was marked absent when in reality he was present in class or in the office was a different instance.

There have been multiple instances where I was unable to get ahold of the school. If there is an emergency god forbid then the students would not be able to contact emergency services in order to get help. To reboot their phones takes too long. I understand they are not to be on them and they should follow that rule but to take it away is going to cause more problems than solutions in this case.

Leave them in but not play with them. If emergency comes up they need them on and handy. We shouldn't have to depend in the school to notify.

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I think students should be able to access their phones in case of an emergency or needing to contact their parents.



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What if a school shooting happens how will my child get in contact with me.

Absolutely Unacceptable. You cannot require students to keep their phone OFF during the day. Most cell phones make noise as they start. You'll be actively endangering students who may need to keep quiet while calling for help in an Active emergency situation. It is completely reasonable to require phones be put away and / or on silent. And PLEASE hold students accountable for breaking rules you set, but DO NOT sever a critical line of communication with a blanket ban. Every time there is an incident on campus I hear about it immediately from my children usually HOURS before any statements are sent to the parents, if at all. I require my children to have their phone on & with them at all times, in case of emergency. MY policy will NOT be changing.

I believe that the phone use should not be changed and still be restricted as it currently is for my high school student. The phones need to be on silent and put away during class, with use allowed during lunch. It is important that they are still allowed to use their phone when approved by their teachers. My child uses their phone to take notes on homework and assignments that are due per teacher allowances. Most children now take notes and reminders on their phones. It is also important that I am able to ask my child questions during their lunchtime on after school arrangements and if they are staying after and need to be picked up or not. For middle schoolers I do not believe that they need access to their phones during school and should be restricted, or off. For elementary students I don't believe they have a need to have a phone at school and their phones should be restricted, or off.

I am highly against this because in the case of an emergency situation I want my child to be safe

I agree with this policy 100%.

How can you enforce a rule which will limit access and restrict deaf and hard of hearing students from communicating with others? My granddaughter, who lives with me, is a student at PVHS. She uses her cell phone to communicate with others whenever an ASL interpreter is not present or available. Given the frequency of internet service interruptions and the lack of in person ASL interpreters' presence on campus this is a serious problem and a potential safety hazard. She and any other student who is deaf or hard of hearing and who uses their cell phone for communication would be isolated from others and be at risk.



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### Teacher & Administrator Comments

<p>I agree with this policy 100%.</p>
<p>This is a great idea. There needs to be consistency throughout the entire district on this though. We need our kids to understand they are at school to learn, not to play around and get distracted with their phones.</p>
<p>I feel cell phones can be used at the beginning of the day and end of the school day, not during the school day.</p>
<p>If parents need to contact their child, they can call the school.</p>
<p>Students are distracted and would benefit from the limitation of access to phones. Mirroring the bags available in Clark County School District, I think that a bag would be more beneficial rather than a complete removal of phones from the student, in terms of parent and student backlash.</p>
<p>We have these same rules now, how about some enforcement by administration. Please do not out another responsibility on the teachers. Right now there are very few consequences, as the administration seems reluctant to enforce the rules. This may or may not be a rule that cannot be enforced. Just saying it is akin to not doing anything at all. The other issue is the lack of safety at the High School, the kids are the ones that call the police when we have fights like the ones recently.</p>
<p>I strongly agree</p>
<p>I think that it will greatly increase productivity and hopefully decrease the amount of cyberbullying.</p>
<p>I think it should be implemented and staff need to be held accountable for holding students accountable when it comes to following the policy. Everyone needs to be on the same page for it to work properly as well as administrators enforcing it with staff and sticking to it.</p>
<p>I think it is a great idea, but schools need to think about hiring more discipline personnel. The current admin are working at capacity every day and the new policy would further tax an already over taxed disciplinary system.</p>
<p>When we teachers have to log on to our computers using a cell phone the middle schoolers specifically see that as unfair -- "Teachers use them." Yes, the argument is facile but these youngsters still believe it, but because of this instance the rule is harder to enforce. I get more buy in from my students if my classes are strictly fair and I adhere to the rules as well. I believe we need a plan or rule that allows for phones but only at specific times while following a specific procedure (asking, etc). A blanket ban in middle school will not work but if we give them the chance as a reward or in specific cases it may. Life is too nuanced for a blanket ban on cell phones.</p>



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We cannot provide safety at PVHS therefore students need their phones to call 911. Seconds count so these phones need to be already powered up.

I love it!

Phones have been and continue to be more of a distraction than a tool and give way to far too many incidents that can lead to negative and distractive behavior.

We need to ban cells - they are too much of a distraction.

I like the idea, but it needs to be the complete day meaning no phone usage before school or during lunch. After they leave campus then that's the students time to do with as they please, however while on campus, the cell phones must not be seen or used, and must not be on them at all.

YES. Please...

However some things to think about...

While the idea of the policy change would be helpful in the classroom, its more the enforcement side by teachers and admin that are the concern. Most students are willing to hand in their phone at the beginning of the school year. But as the year goes on, students are more likely to be insubordinate and refuse to hand over their phone leading to an escalation in behavior, disruptive the whole class and needing intervention from admin to address the problem, especially if only a few teachers enforce this policy at a school.

Additionally, what about the students who require music as a requirement for their IEP or 504 to help them focus and regulate themselves? While they have that exception, teachers are unable to explain why they get to receive that treatment and regular students cannot without exposing that students situation (FERPA) or being perceived as picking favorites leading to more discipline and behavioral concerns in those students.

The HS is a dangerous place. Anyone who disagrees should talk to the parents of beaten up kids. The admin and most teachers cannot break up a fight.....until the district decides to hire real security guards instead of the monitors we have now, students dialing 911 probably has saved the districts liability because the folks we have now cannot physically stop the fights. I agree that cell phones are not helping, but the lax attitude towards discipline makes the policy unenforceable. You will not make everyone happy about this, but I sure hope that someone other than teachers will be the enforcers of this policy. I liken this to the lack of enforcement of the tardy policy, or more accurately the lack of enforcement. Teachers mark the tardy students, but behavior continues due to the lack of consequences.



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### Teacher & Administrator Comments

It is a major distraction and a cause for harassment and bullying among students. Doing away with cell phones during schools hours is a necessary fix for Nye County School District.

The policy restricting the use of cell phones by students is long overdue. Cell phones are a distraction for students and impedes upon their academic achievements. Students become angry when asked to put away their cell phones, which demonstrates a lack of discipline, restraint and respect for teachers. Cells phones also create discrepancies among peers and poses a bullying problem in school. Students are being suspended for using their cell phones during class instructional time and that is affecting their school attendance. Restricting the use of cell phones by students during the instructional day will improve students' academic performance.

Absolutely! Call phones and ear buds are a distraction from the learning in the classroom.

Students are highly distracted by technology in school and I have noticed a significant uptick of cyberbullying at the High School. The middle school has a complete ban and students do better when they are following it. At the high school students are highly distracted. The ban should be complete and not allowed during hallway or lunch time as this is when the majority of bullying occurs.

I am in favor of a policy restricting the use of cell phones during the instructional day. However, I do have concerns regarding enforcement. I have been in school districts with policies restricting cell phone use and enforcement is where the policy often can be problematic. For instance, it is common for students to hide their phone as they are using it. While it is relatively easy to tell who has a cell phone out and who doesn't, a student may deny cell phone usage when they are accused of it. It becomes a problem at that point. I fear that just telling students to keep their phones in their bags may not be enough. I know of other districts implementing similar policies that use Yondr bags (that lock during the school day) so that cell phones are in student possession, but are not able to be accessed while at school. I would be in favor of something similar.

I agree with restricting use either by leaving them in backpacks or utilizing the bags like Clark county has been using. Students need to learn to interact with one another and this is a good way to start.

I agree completely! At RCMS phones cause many issues. Students have posted videos and pictures on many social media platforms and that is safety concern of mine. I would also request that phones are put away on the bus. Thank you for your time and hard work.



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Cellphones are a complete distraction even with no WiFi at the high school. Students will pre download shows etc. before coming to class and completely disengage with their learning. Emergency situations happening at the school students should be allowed to take them out and call guardians. Parent messages should be sent to the front office to be given to students during instructional time. Late busses should be provided in order to ensure proper after school detention in order to further support the ramifications of not following this policy.

I appreciate the Board's concerns regarding cell phones in school. While I agree that phones can be a distraction to students, I feel like this is an issue for teachers to handle on their own in the classroom. Firstly, cell phones aren't going away. Children see adults using them all the time, whether for work or entertainment purposes. Restricting never works. Teaching proper use is what's needed. Children's underdeveloped brains need guidance around these very attractive devices. Parents and schools need to teach that the power to control an addictive habit comes from within; not from an outside source like a rule or a ban. Secondly, teachers need the administrative support (like we have here in RM) to set their own expectations and policies in their classrooms around cell phones. Policing a ban is very, wry difficult for teachers. It will consume so much of their time and energy that could be spent on instruction. Again, thank you for sharing your concerns, but let's leave the cell phone policies to the schools and teachers. And let's focus on teaching students the proper use of this tool that will be a part of their lives forever. Thank you.

We already have a policy which restricts student usage and is challenging to enforce. It doesn't seem like further restrictions and mandates are a good use of our time, energy, and resources.

I agree, but not during lunch.

When I taught in high school students had their phones out constantly. It was a distraction and took away from instructional time.

I feel that students should have access to their phones in case of emergencies, but outside of that kids should not be using their phones while in class.

It has even trickled down into elementary. Cell phones are not needed throughout the day. If there's an emergency, teachers have access to phones, school phones, computers and we are more than capable of dealing with these situations without students using their phones. In the middle/high school it's out of control! Fightings, recording, cyber bullying, ect... I don't even want to send my own child to school at this rate.





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I think students shouldn't have access to their cellphones during the school day. Students are easily distracted and phones just enable the distractions.

I've read a lot of community concerns about fixing the rules we have now and my response to that is: if the current rules in place were working we wouldn't be having this conversation. Clearly it isn't, therefore, something needs to change and this could be the answer to help students be successful and minimize phone distractions.

It should not be a total ban but it also should not be a complete free for all.

The goal of "ban" should be to teach students there is a time and place for cell phone usage. Much like in the corporate or real world, using a phone wouldn't be appropriate if one is being delivered instruction or important information is being disseminated to them, but would be appropriate when the person is engaged in personal or individual work time.

A much more precisely tailored approach is needed as opposed to a complete and blanket ban.

I think this should include watches with the same capabilities. I have seen students playing games on watches and sending text messages.

As an educator cell phones have their uses in the classroom. However their use by students is not one of productivity but of distraction moots of the time. The use or the allowance of cellphones should be restricted heavily but at the same time be up to the discretion of the teacher and their classroom.

Too much distractions for students.

Students today have an incredible amount of access to texting and social media. They are getting alerts on their phone constantly and can't help but think about who just texted them or who just sent them a Snapchat message . I had a student ask me once if she could check the camera notification she received from her home because it was her job to see if a delivery arrived to her house that day. Some students are even skirting current phone restrictions by using Apple watches to receive and send text messages. In a 24 hour day, requiring students to stay off their phones for the short school day to focus on learning and collaborate with their peers face-to-face is not asking a lot.



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Cell phones are a continuous disruption from learning and instructing students. I am glad to hear that in a crisis they would be available, because the phones would be powered off therefore, insuring that students are focused and willing participants in their classes.

Cell phones are the bane of every teacher's day. Students always try to watch videos, make videos, message students in other classrooms, bully, and play games. The distractions created by cell phones make it impossible to have the students' attention to the task at hand. We are in the business of educating students, not providing them time and a platform to waste time or cause problems. After having students get in serious trouble with the cell phones, Tonopah staff got serious in enforcing the no phone out during the day policy. It was great to see students interacting in class and at lunch. There were actually conversions happening. I had the opportunity to see all of my students eyes in the classroom and in the hallway. I support a stricter policy on cellphones in our schools for so many reasons.

I think that it is a great idea and will help students focus better in class.

Restrict for all members of the school; teachers, paras, secretaries... We lead by example.

As a teacher, I'm all in favor of having a more restrictive cell phone policy.

If we are training students for life beyond Highschool they will have full access to their phones and will need to have learned self restraint on their own. For the parents that don't agree with this rule will cause huge hurtles for the school to enforce. It will inspire more students to hack and misuse the chrome books in class.

As an elementary school teacher, I do not allow cell phones out ever. I think if young children can do it, older students can do it.

I agree with this policy. I have read how discipline and other issues go down and learning goes up without cell phones available.



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### Teacher & Administrator Comments

I would like to see students interact with one another in a positive environment. I would like to note that music from their phones is a calming and safe thing for these students at times and taking that away may raise anxiety.

I support the limited use. They are extremely distracting to students. When they go off in class, because students forget to turn them off, the whole class is off task. It is really hard to get them back on track and focusing on learning. I teach elementary. We have only a handful of phones and yet this is still an issue.

it is preventing them from having a childhood and a social life

Strongly support, however, I believe cell phones should not be allowed at all on campus.

I moved from a district in MN that allowed cell phones and electronics. Students having access to electronics was a nightmare to control. The issues teachers and staff had were - 1. Students refusing to put away. 2. Loss of teaching/class time. 3. Cheating/plagiarism 4. Inappropriate/sexual/bullying texts during school time 5. Ear buds/Air pods being used during class. 6. Theft/loss of air pods and phones 7. Increased administration/teacher/ support staff time and energy towards policing increased.

Personal cellphone usage negatively impacts student learning.

It would help with their education to remove those distractions. Please do this!

I support this 100%.

Good idea, it is not consistent in the secondary levels whether the students are to keep them away as it currently is. Some classes allow students to have their phones out, which then makes it harder for the next teacher to tell the student to put it away. Every minute spent dealing with cell phone distractions is a minute of instructional time lost.

Should have been implemented years ago.

I would be okay with it as long as students are allowed to have their phones, in their backpacks, and on silent. I don't think students should be allowed to use their cell phones during the school day to listen to music, work, etc. Emergencies are the only exception.

Cell phones are a distraction from the learning environment. Chromebook's are available in classrooms for technology use.

I do not think cell phones should be allowed on campus at all. Students are completely attached to their phones and social media. We need to help guide our youth to focus on the importance of learning.



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### Teacher & Administrator Comments

I think this is a great idea and should be implemented fully. Exceptions should not be made for certain grade levels or activities.

As a parent and as a teacher I disagree. I understand that some students use their phones inappropriately, but there are so many others who use them responsibly.

In my classroom I use it for Google chat with the technology department, and the office. I use it for class Dojo and it's a requirement for 2-step verification.

As for students, I have 2 of them. My kids know to only use their phones when appropriate. My high school student uses it for classes and clubs, as well as Google chat and emails. With High School students not issued Chromebooks, and not having 1-to-1, how would they complete their work? She uses her device for in chemistry, forensics, and culinary...that's all 3 of her classes. She all has to use it for her GBC classes since they require 2-step verification. These are solely academic concerns, not to mention the concerns where there is an emergency. My daughter was held the culinary pantry during a lockdown drill and not released by the office (they were forgotten), having a full on panic attack. No communication from the school, only from my daughter.

I feel strongly that removing phones aren't going to fix problems, only create more of them.

As a parent of elementary aged students, my children do not have cellphones so this would not impact us as a family.

As a teacher, this is a constant battle. I have no problem with students using their phones as tools (calculators or a back up to a dead Chromebook). When I am in the middle of a lesson and I look out to the class and several of them are looking at their laps it is very frustrating! I support which ever decision is made, however, the restriction would be welcomed.

I think it should be more strict. Students are already not supposed to have visible phones in class and that doesn't stop them. They should be locked away if they are on campus. San Mateo High School provided locked sleeves (Yondr Pouches)to the students each day so the students could have their phones but no access to them. They were unlocked and taken home after school.

The students quickly grew to appreciate that and their feedback on the policy was positive. <https://machronicle.com/the-phone-free-future-of-high-school-education-is-here/> I HIGHLY ENCOURAGE FOLLOWING SAN MATEO HIGH SCHOOL'S POLICY. In the heart of the tech universe, silicon valley, high schools are restricting phone use!



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## Cell Phone Restriction Policy Proposal - Public Comments

### Teacher & Administrator Comments

In this age of digital technology being so readily available to students, the idea of restricting cell phone use in class is a sound one. However, as a teacher there are some instances where a cell phone could be of some use within a classroom where no other digital device can be found, and that kind of circumstance should be considered when implementing a "blanket ban" on such devices. Nonetheless, when we as a parent are confronted by such wording as "in order to reach your child, you must call the office" there can be negative influences on their thinking. I am both a teacher and a parent, and I understand not everyone thinks like I do - being able to see both sides to this argument. However, there are those who will disregard the rules, no matter how they are worded. I do believe that in the case of extreme stress (school shooter, terror threat) that students should have access to any form of communication with their parents, regardless of policy. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to participate in this discussion.

I believe students do not need their cell phones at all during the day. If they need to contact home, they can talk to the teacher or office for permission to call from a landline. Because of cell phones, I have seen so many fight videos right inside the RCMS bathrooms or outside on school grounds. The cyberbullying is dangerous as well. Students should be focusing on school work and their behavior, not their social media.

I am in full support of the restriction of cell phones while in class. Cell phones are a distraction when it comes to learning especially at a secondary level. My older kids will text me while in class (which I tell them to get off their phones during class time) and most of the comments I get from their teachers are that they are constantly on their phones which is not acceptable, they are at school to learn not to be on cell phones. By implementing reasonable restrictions on cell phone use, schools can create a more focused, productive, and positive learning environment for all students.

I think it's needed and a great idea.

I support it

Student athletes already do not have adequate computer access to complete work during the day because of the lack of internet service and technology. Student athletes need to complete work at school during the given time but can't efficiently. They rely on their phones in some classes because of the lack of technology. We expect student athletes to maintain college level GPA's so the district needs to allow them to be able to succeed with adequate access to computers, internet that works, and time on technology. The students that use their phones for negativity should not take away from the student athletes that are frustrated with limited resources. If you take away the phones then have a plan to allow success for the student population that want scholarships through GPA's.



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I work at Rosemary Clarke Middle School and we have a current cell phone policy in place that matches this plan. Cell phones must be put on silent and placed in backpack. If students are caught using phones, they are confiscated and discipline is enforced. It works well at RCMS. Teachers and administrators do need to be consistent and firm in this policy in order for it to work. Thankfully at RCMS our staff and admin are all on the same page. I DO NOT want to require students to turn their phones into the classroom teacher at the start of the class. This will take too much time away from instruction, put teachers into possible situations where students can make accusations, and stress parents out that if there is an emergency students phones are not in close proximity to their child. If the plan is to just have them turned off, in their backpack, and progressive discipline....I am on board with that!

As a parent, I feel it makes my child and myself more comfortable knowing they have a form of communication with them at all times. Given the current trend of dangerous situations such as school shootings, knowing my child has their phone on them makes me feel more comfortable for those worst case scenarios. However, I think it would be beneficial to put phones on Do Not Disturb modes or silent modes at all times. As a teacher myself, if I see a phone out, they're instructed to put it away until before or after school hours. They are not to have them on their person during lunch or recess. There are ways to manage this without stripping forms of communications from parent/guardians. Incase of a dangerous situation, the front office phones will be ringing off the hook if this ban is implemented. Students do need to realize though that having a phone on their person for safety purposes is a privilege and that they can get their phones taken away for a time being as a consequence. Thank you.

I feel students should have access to their phones during lunch time.

I support a new cell phone policy restricting their use during the instructional day, as long as students can still access their phones in their backpacks for emergencies. Cell phones often serve as a significant distraction in the classroom, leading to disengagement and taking away valuable instructional time. Additionally, unrestricted access to phones and social media can contribute to a variety of issues, such as cyberbullying or inappropriate content. A clear and enforceable policy would help create a more focused and productive learning environment, allowing teachers to dedicate more time to instruction rather than managing phone-related disruptions.

I think it should be at the individual teacher discretion. Some teachers have students use their phones for interactive learning. Personal use should be limited and case by case to support 504 and IEP students.

I agree with it. Phones are a huge distraction for our students and I cannot compete with them while trying to instruct. Our society as a whole is addicted to them. There are studies showing the scrolling and dopamine reward from doing so are rewiring our brains and can cause ADHD type of behaviors.



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I currently disagree. However, consider addressing smartwatches as well, not just cell phones, since students often use Apple Watches to communicate. For instance, I've observed elementary students using their Apple Watches to contact parents and arrange early pickups. If you plan to implement a new cell phone policy, it should be district-wide and include smartwatches. Additionally, disciplinary actions must also be consistent across the district; leaving it to individual teacher discretion would undermine the policy's effectiveness."

I agree a policy should be in place, but in today's culture of school shootings and violence, not being able to contact my child personally throughout the day if an event did occur makes me feel uncomfortable. The middle and high school have over 1,000 students each to keep track of. I know there other items to consider when it comes to the way students use their cell phones at school, but I feel there should be a balance with them being able to have them, but not visible or readily available during learning time.



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### Employee Comments (Not Teachers or Administrators)

I believe cell phones in the classroom are a huge distraction, however, I do feel students should be able to check them between classes and at lunch. Being turned off in their backpacks seems a little over the top, as we live in the digital world and a great majority of us always have our phones too. I think them being able to have them and learn within school about cellphone etiquette is also an important lesson for the students because the students may not be getting the information at home.

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I absolutely agree, my child should leave her phone off/silent in her bag during school hours. Although I do need her to be able to have it and check it after the last bell for the day before the bus in case the usual plans have changed. And for the walk home.

From the protective of the elementary school, I feel the policy is appropriate to limit access to phones for students. However, I do see this being a larger concern/issue for middle and high school families. I think something important to plan for is the time and effort it may take to implement this policy and the discipline plan that would follow.

I thought that there was already a rule that cell phones could not be used during the school day. The only change would be turning them all the way off. I support this. As a parent, I do want my kids to have their phones so they can check after school to make sure they know how to get home. But that's all they need it for at school. Phones can definitely be a distraction and should not be used during school hours.

I believe this will be beneficial. When phones are in their pockets and it goes off, their mind immediately goes to wondering who it is, what it is, etc. Having it on them creates a bigger distraction. Also, it will limit some of the cyber bullying and starting of fights as they won't be able to do it during school time.

I believe the students should have their phones but keep them on silent. They may need to get a hold of a parent or someone during the day. (Example female student starts her monthly and doesn't want anyone to know she can text someone to bring her supplies without letting the world know or when I staff member initiates a fight with a student and takes another student to break them up if the students were not out of their phone they could have had proof that the teacher initiated the fight and the student got the repercussion not the teacher which actually happened last school year at Gabbs.). I also remember when I was a student. I thought it was unfair the teachers got to use their phones during the day and I still feel the same way about it ..





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### Employee Comments (Not Teachers or Administrators)

Cell phones should be on vibrate in back packs during class.  
Then able to be used at lunch time.

I support students not using their phone during instructional time when they are actually doing schoolwork or learning. However, I prefer to be able to have my daughter get a hold of me if she needs anything or in case of emergency. Times are different and I definitely want my student to be able to text or call me if necessary. Or to be able to call 911 if there is an emergency at school or in the classroom.

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Children will bring phones in class anyway and parents do not always follow the school wide rules regarding cell phone.

Great idea

I agree with restricting use during the instructional day. However, I would allow during the lunch portion of their day.

I feel the phones are distracting during the day and many are on hem through out the day. I feel they can do without them while they are at school.

I think it's a good idea. The cell phones are a huge distraction and takes away from learning when teachers have to constantly stop teaching to redirect a student to put their phone away and pay attention to the lesson. The same students will also ask for directions on an assignment right after a teacher would go over said assignment because they were too distracted on their phone. Without having access to their cellphone I feel students will be more engaged in learning.

The children have enough stuff distracting them already. A break from phone use will be good for everyone and help the students to listen, behave and concentrate with less distractions

As a paraprofessional at PVHS, I fully support and stand behind this policy.

The instructional day should include on the bus. This will help prevent cyber bullying on any school property.

I believe the use of personal electronic devices such as cell phones, tablets, gaming devices should be restricted. I find it very distracting especially when kids use them during class time.



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When I used to be in a classroom, at the high school level, it was not unusual to see students using their cell phones under their desks instead of being engage in the learning process. The teacher was teaching the lesson and they were doing their own thing. Also, some students use technology to cyberbully, hate speak or cause digital drama.

Remember, lots of people went to school BEFORE there were cell phones invented and survived all sorts of "emergencies" and information exchanges between students and parents.

Cell phones do not belong in the schools. This would cut down on the amount of time a student is subject to social media, and give them more time to focus on school. This would also help curb bullying, cyber-buylling, assemblies to fight, videos of fights, etc. Students are in school to focus on learning, not calls, texts, alerts, social media.

I agree that cell phones should be restricted. Based upon studies we now know that the best way to support students learning is to teach them to limit distractions.

I am a parapro and currently work as a substitute, but at one time was full time in an assigned position in the H.S. I tried in vain to enforce the "No cell phone" policy at that time only to have students refuse to cooperate and argue with me. Frequent arguments were: "But Mr. \_\_\_\_ lets me use my phone" and "Ms \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't have a problem with it, so just CHILL". The refusal to be consistent in enforcing the policy only encouraged disrepect by students to staff and faculty. I spent a great deal of time having to remind, tell, negotiate with students to put their phones away during testing periods. I also spent too much time policing students and telling them to put their phones away and had to put up with "I'm playing a game and I'm not going to stop, and you can't make me." As a Parapro I was limited in my authority to confiscate phones. If you do this, THEN STICK to it, because if you do not, this initiative will fail. Phones in the classroom are absolutely unacceptable and cause distraction. Provide calculators, and if something has to be "looked up on the internet" please have a classroom laptop for that purpose. Good luck. This has been a long time coming.

Cell phones are too distracting to be allowed in the classroom

It's a great idea..

It'll be like putting Pandora back in the box at this point. Expect backlash and those to not fully support it by looking for loopholes holes, or think they are the exceptions. Even some teachers with their students to pacify them to be the good guy. The HS students say themselves they'll look for other ways to cause problems if this goes through. But this continued unleashed use of cellphones by students is out of control, and has caused a lot of harm. Expect a ton of damage control ahead of your measures if passed. So if y'all rip that bandage off and move forward...it's not going to hurt my feelings.

Long Overdue!



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### Employee Comments (Not Teachers or Administrators)

I TRULY FEEL THAT ITS A GOOD THING I HAVE THOUGHT THIS FOR A LONG TIME I WORK AT THE SCHOOL AND I SEE KIDS TRYING THERE HARDEST TO GET OUT OF CLASS BY SAYING THEY NEED TO USE THE RESTROOM, BUT THATS NOT THE PURPOSE ITS TRULY TO GET ON THERE PHONE, AND EVEN TEXTING THERE FRIENDS TO MEET THEM IN THE HALLWAY OR RESTROOM BIG BIG DISTRACTION.

I believe that this restriction would improve student learning, social skills, relationships with fellow students, teachers, and staff, and overall wellbeing.

As indicated above, I strongly agree with a policy that fully restricts the use of cell phones during the school day. Staff should be included in this policy as well, unless they are on prep and out of sight of students. I have seen many staff members distracted by their phones during class time (more often paras than teachers.)

My personal observations are that students' attention spans have decreased dramatically. I attribute this to the pervasive use of technology. It's very difficult for many, if not most, to maintain a focus for even 5 minutes when reading. They become even more distracted when they receive messages, notifications, and calls. There is little to nothing that cannot wait until school has been released for the day. If students go into school knowing that phone use is forbidden, it will free them from the distractions the phones create.

Also, cell phone use contributes to discipline problems (texting where fights are going to go down and bullying, for example). It also makes it easier for students to cheat on tests.

Bottom line, I know of NO benefit in allowing cell phones at school. Schools are in the business of educating, not pandering to society's perceived need to have instant access to communication.

It would alleviate a lot of on campus distractions, including bullying and recordings/ photographs without permission.

I like it.

I think it's fantastic and will promote learning

Restricting phone use during school hours is a great idea and my wife and I are all for it. Students will still have "emergency access" to families via office phones or could access their phones in their bags in between classes if needed. The distractions, addiction to check their phones has grown worrisome and this would teach there is a time and a place to check and be on their phones. I am fully in support of this policy change.

I think it's a great idea. Should have been established years ago.

I think it is needed. Students are way too distracted on their devices as is. When they are at school their focused needs to be on the work and interacting with one another.



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I feel this is necessary. I am a parent of a sophomore and a sub at a middle school. I see the distractions and issues the cell phones cause on a daily basis. This does not promote a good or safe learning environment. It's a constant distraction in class and causes many behavior issues outside of class. Examples would be during lunch, taking pictures that are then used to be unkind and sometimes cruel. Setting up fights so they can post on the many social media pages that have been created just to promote such things or embarrass and harass other students.

I fully support the idea. I feel this will help our kids and staff reconnect with education and alleviate extra stress.

I am the JAG Specialist for Round Mountain High school and i strongly agree with this policy, as a JAG Specialist trying to teach kids life skills, the phones make it very hard. They are a huge distraction and a problem daily. I feel they leave my classroom a lot not learning anything. As a parent of students in Round Mountain High School and Elementary i also strongly agree. My child does not need a cell phone while in a classroom learning.

I think it's needed and a great idea.

I believe this will benefit our students.

As staff of NCSD and a parent of 4 NCSD students, I am in favor of this policy. I already have these expectations of my children and think it would be beneficial to them, and all students, to have it adopted as a district-wide policy.

As an employee, I have seen (more times than I can count) where cell phone usage by students has disrupted the classroom environment, and even the entire campus, leading to a rise in concerns and decline in student functioning. In crisis situations, students reaching out to their parents prior to the school, causes unnecessary panic, and an influx of parents arriving to campus. If the situation was real, students notifying their parents could potentially hinder LE focus on student/ staff safety and now puts more people in danger. The other side of it, as a staff, I see cyber-bullying (almost) daily, where students will record fights, other students using the restrooms, air dropping inappropriate photographs, and the list goes on. The mental and emotional anguish that some of these situations put others (victims) in, far surpasses whatever "right" that parents believe their children have to utilize a cell phone during the school day. If keeping their phone on them during the school day (must happen) I fully support cell phone blockers on campus.

There are so many rules already, it's a fast way to do Safe Voice. If you take away the phone they will take longer to safe voice or not safe voice at all.



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### Student Comments

I disagree because the problem isn't the phone its the students and teachers themselves. A student can control themselves and leave their phone be if taught correctly and disciplined well. Teachers need to be either more strict with phone tolerances because if they are being disrupted then yea that phone should be taken faster than after 3 warnings. Not all phones should be taken before class though because through the years there has always been unfair punishments and there isn't any need to further that unfairness.

As a dual credit (high school and college) student I am required to sign in to my account via my phone. The only way to sign into my college classes is either through a text message or a phone call from my personal phone. I can not change the phone number to my mom or dads phone because: 1. they both work during school hours and would not be able to answer their phones while they work. 2. the collage website only grants the student access to the college dashboard so it has to be the students number. 3. there is no spot in the website or canvas to change the phone number so I am stuck with having to sign in via my phone multiple times during the school day. While I sign in to my college classes during free period in the library, I also sign in during my high school classes. I want to maximize my time so when my teacher gives us free time to do work, I often choose to work on my college classes. This way I am able to get things done and I am able to maximize my time to be able to get good grades in both my high school class and college classes. If the phone policy would come into effect, I would not be able to do any college work. This would force me to sit around and waste so much time during my free periods and the time my teachers give to me in class. I speak for many other dual credit students that are also athletes. Many students including myself, wants to use our free periods that are specifically for our college classes, to be able to get work done. If the phone policy becomes in effect, we would have to do all our work after school which would be difficult for sport practices and other after after school activities. If I was not able to do my college work at school (from the phone policy) I would not be able to spend time with my family and I would be required to stay up late to be able to get things done. Since I would lack sleep and social interactions, I would preform badly on both college and high school classes. My grades would go down and my motivation would decrease. I would not like this policy to take place because of how much time I would waste during the school day. Besides having to sign in for my college classes, I would not be able to communicate with my family for emergencies. I think communication is extremely important in today's world and this policy would not allow me to have communication during the school day. Emergencies do not just automatically stop during school hours and stuff happens. I text my mom on a daily basis during school hours. While she might only respond during her lunch, I am still able to contact her while I am at school. I know other students abuse the current phone policy but if the new policy would come into effect, students would rebel against it even more. Students would try everything they can to hide their phone while still being on it. This would create a bigger issue of students being on their phones. Even if students got their phones taken away, most students would still not do their work. This policy would force teachers and staff to take the students' most prized possession away from them which does not solve the problem. Students should be able to choose themselves to either use their phone and do work or simply just be on their phone. When those that chose to be on their phone receive bad scores on their assignments and tests, they deserved it and it is now between the student and parents of the actions of the student. Some students with or without ADHD, work much better with music playing in their ears via their phone. If the phones are turned off in the backpacks, music would not be able to be played and their work ethic would decrease.

I feel like it is unnecessary because if there is a emergency students wont be able to contact their parents.



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### Student Comments

I believe it benefits students
Unnecessary, just get more engaging teachers, and the use of chromebooks isnt helping.
i dont like it at all i hope they dont ban it at all.
Its just going to cause student out breaks from the students being agrivated from not having their cell phones on their person. Second the schools have no idea whats going on in peoples personal lives outside of school and students might needed their phone for family reasons; school isnt more important than our lives outside of school. 🙄👉
I do not support the school board trying to take electronics away during the instructional day. Students should be able to use their phones during the day. As long as the electronics aren't DISTURBING others, electronics should be allowed. Schools have been getting stricter but more boring and more kids do not enjoy nye county schools anymore since it's been getting stricter and we could hardly do ANYTHING. School shpuld be something we also enjoy going too, not hating it.
It should be left up to the teachers and their classrooms
It should not be in place as students need to contact their families in case of emergency.
I think that kids should be able to go into the teachers office if they need to contact a parent or guardian.
I think it is ignorant to assume all students are using personal electronics to not take class seriously. I have a lot to do and to respond to throughout the school day regarding my plans after school and overall schedule. Some things like meetings must be texted and it would be unwise to take away something that is able to relay information to students. I have many cases where I had to call or text my mom or other students to figure out plans from clubs, sporting events, and student council outside of school. Phones should be accessed for such cases.
so from what i got from reading the new policy, say there were a bunch of family emergencies at once like say theyre were 10 parents wanting to contact their kids in a 5 minute time range there is NO way any student would get the message in a timely manner i believe a restriction on phones is a needed thing but this plan is not the way to do it, its slow and its not well planned PLEASE rethink this plan.
I think this is a bad idea, the claim for this ban is to help students with grades, cyber bullying, and social interaction but this isn't going to work. Starting off your data is skewed, the sample via link is a study on schools in the UK, not here - not only do they have a different culture around schools and cell phones but they have a completely different grading system than the US. Digging into the claims to help, banning phones will not stop cyber bullying or bullying in general they'll just wait to post/harass at home, or physically/verbally bully them right there and then. Social interaction is thriving in schools all the time, taking away access to phones during school would only stunt the social growth of those who don't have friends who go to their school or who don't go in person and unify a lot of students against the policy. I'm not even going to dive into phones and school massacres because there are angry parents who probably will, banning cell phones might sound good especially when all the pros are listed but you always have to look at a full picture and not just



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the eye catching things.

I see why the reduced phone use is seen to help students focus on school, but I also believe that taking phones away would be the wrong way of approaching it having phones can improve communication and safety. In case of emergencies, students can quickly contact their parents or guardians. Schools can also use phones to send important updates or alerts directly to students, ensuring everyone is informed promptly. With the events of the threats on our school a-couple months back, I believe that taking phones away would just takes away a student ability to contact help or even if it comes down to it being able to say goodbye to loved ones, I get that it's been said phones can still be on the body but turned off in bags they won't do any good for the students in a bag, in a emergency no student is gonna rush to try to find their phone, they are gonna try to get to a safe place. Phones have their negative impacts on education but they could also be helpful or even something used to save the students life's if it ever comes down to something as terrible happening on our school.

no, just no.

I earnestly think it's a bad idea that restricts the rights of students unfairly. I will say that, atleast personally, if I need to look something up, my school's internet is bad enough that using my phone becomes necessary if I need to look things up.

My thoughts say to not, because even though we have fire drills and other things what if something bad happens and the normal phone does not work, and only the students phones work?

I don't 100% agree with this new policy. Phones can be distracting but that is just based off poor choices which shouldn't ruin it for the kids not doing anything wrong. There are so many poor choices from many kids that don't all revolve around phones. We do need our phones for emergencies, listening to music for focusing (something I even do myself), and even certain work we do in class. But also we barely have any internet here at school in the first place so there's isn't much to really do on our phones except for really texting and music so they aren't completely distracting until someone makes poor choices and doesn't do what they are asked to. I think students just need to be guided in the right direction and with the very bad environment this school has, most kids won't fully get lead in the right direction. There is so much more serious things needing attention than this.

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I do not think it should be restricted.



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i don't like this and it is not okay. Us students need our phones for emergency's. We can not just have our phone turned off and then our mother/family member calls because, its an emergency and they cant get a hold of the school, and that they need to get a hold of their child and let them know whats going on. Phones should also be allowed at lunch. Im pretty sure that us 8th graders now have achieved that goal of having our phones out. That should be a privilege to have in school. And it is not disrupting to others just because you think it is. Phones are not hurting anyone in any way. Taking away this is just some stupid idea and it should at least have warnings, and not just to take the whole entire privilege for literally EVERYONE. Taking away phones for no reason? like why would you just take phones? they are not yours, and YOU DON'T PAY FOR THEM!!!! So let us live a life and actually see whats going on,because this school is just feeling like a prison and not a school. School is supposed to be fun and not a prison. This school is just getting more stricter and stricter by the time, and it is NOT helping anyone. Don't take phones away because it is stupid and you just don't care. Like, you only care about your own self and not how the students feel. The counselors listen more than teachers and principles. The school barley listens to us students, and do you know how hard it is for us? NO. But taking phones away? That gives us detail and understanding that you only care about yourself and not the students who probably need their phone. Phones should be turned on and for emergencies. Don't take phones away all because you think that its going to be a "good idea for the kids" because, its not when they need them for safety causes? Like ya'll are unbelievable.

The students are only gonna get worse if you do that. While it could be useful in the aspect of paying attention. The kids will just sleep instead and for the people with noise sensitivity not being able to get rid of the screaming kids is gonna be horrible. This new cell phone policy that the board wants to pass is going to cause riots in class, more violence among students, and even more problems with students that are out of line. If it gets passed I give it a week before fights break out,school grades lower, and students break more rules than ever.

Emergency Contact: Students might need phones for emergencies or to reach family, providing peace of mind.

Learning Responsibility: Allowing phone use teaches students to make responsible choices.

Technology Skills: Using phones prepares students for future tech-related jobs.

We should be focusing on actual problems like the amount of drugs and other contraband that is used daily in both the high-school AND middle school, it is counter productive to punish student who strive and achieve academic success due to the poor choices of others, instead of focusing on enforcing a ban on phones we should look to fix problems that actually matter.

i understand that there is a inappropriate use of cell phones in school. I just dont think taking away the ability to use them i text my mom when i dont feel good because sometimes im throwing up and dont want to have to walk to the office. sadly enough i hate that i even have to bring this up but if there was a situation at this school where my life may be at risk. i would want to tell my mom and dad that i love them.





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Cellphones should be allowed during lunches and free periods. Teachers can make their own rules for their respective classrooms

While most adults think that phones at school are disruptive and more of a problem than a helpful smart device, i disagree. In my opinion i believe that a students input and point of view on this issue is an important aspect in creating this rule.

School and phones might not mix sometimes. Such as the cons of; recording fights, airdropping stuff, and more. Fight will happen no matter what. But that problem is a separate issue. Since I am in middle school, most kids are immature, so we've already gotten our phones taken away, and never got them back. Besides that point, the highschool is my main focus. They have the free range of it and that is one of the main things i'm looking forward to. Taking away phones will erase the whole idea of "free range." And it's not just PVHS. All the other school are on the line for free range school.

Many students have strong opinions about phones and most of them are positive. It could bring kids together. It honestly helps me captures a lot of memories and experiences that i sometimes can't catch myself. From speaking of experience, I get nervous sometimes at school and feel the need of texting my mom, dad, sister, etc. And that causes a fearful environment of school. Which distracts and disrupts the students learning. Another reason to point out, is adults get their phone on lunch break, which high school is preparing and treating you like adults. Why shouldn't we get the same treatment as them? I think that it's important to leave at least a bit of time to check your phone during a lunch break.

I think that students should be allowed to use their cell phones during the instructional day. Cell phone can be used for a way of communication, which is very important for students who need to contact their parents or guardians, and for guardians to contact them. I think its reasonable for if the teacher says "put away your cell phone" and students should listen, but not for all phone privilege to be taken. If times in a emergency i think having your phone will be very important. Also If a student is being bullied in school, its important to have a phone to communicate or to even record if there life feels threaten. If the school wants children to get ready for the "real world" and to act like adult then why take there phone like they are children. If a student makes there own decision to not listen and to have there phone out when the teacher says to put it away and they do not listen , that is that person decision, not everyone should have to be punished because others have other morals. "no phones at school can prevent cyber bullying" students still will cyberbully off of school premises and more in contact bully can happen (more fights.) I think that OUR school should be focusing on how to make the schools curickler more engaging and educational for students so they will not be one there phone. I've noticed as a student that less of my class mates are on there phone when we are doing lessons more hands on and more "fun" I do not think cell phones are the problem at our school i think its the environment that "bore" students or make them want to escape the class room while entertaining them self on their cell phones. I think there are much more problems at this school that should have attention then about students phones.



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i think its stupid because what if someone needed a ride home from school or to a practice but they couldnt use their phones to ask? Its already happened to someone in 7th. its stupid because it was a handful of people who made us lose phones. (idk how to do this lol)

absolutely disagree of this horrible policy

I think its unnecessary. What if there's an emergency and kids cant call their parents.

I'm just being honest and not to be rude but... no matter what you do the students are always gonna be on the phones regardless if the policy stays or the new policy comes. I'm not saying I do this but i'm just saying what i think about it. have a good day.

What about a shooting

I strongly disagree with this because I can handle my personal devices. I do not use my phone when the teacher is giving instructions or when I have an assignment.

Cell phones can be a very important tool, including during school work, in case it is required at home but a piece of material can not be brought home. Another reason being if there is a dangerous situation and authorities/parents/guardians must be called.

its a dumb idea, the students not paying attention or doing work isn't cause of phones, most students doesn't pay attention for reasons besides phones, some are on phones out of boredom, but most on the not pay attention by drawing, talking or doing other thing, if you ban phones make it lighter other wise you'll have to ban talking and everything fun. like a lighter thing would be we can't use phones inside, we can use them outside, like the middle school. or like make sutdents earn the use of phones by a phone pass you can get for good behavior or buying it.

The use of cell phones is very beneficial and is only bad for those who are irresponsible with their cellphones, and teachers have the power to simply tell the student to take away the students phones, and banning cellphones means banning music and as a student music helps me focus a lot during school. And I don;t understand how this is gonna promote students to be more social with each other at all, if I wanted to be social with someone I would, or if I didn't want to be social with someone, then I wouldn't, no matter what. And no matter what this is going to cause way more issues because students are gonna rebel against it because its an absolutely unnecessary. (especially because teachers already have the power to take phones away)

i do not think this would help

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stop it >:(

The rule is completely useless as all it is, is more reasons for a kid to get in trouble they already get in trouble for this exact thing its dumb to make it an actual rule as every class has different rules some classes need a phone or some don't ever want it and i understand if you get in trouble for using it when you shouldn't but it should not be a rule that prohibits all use as some classes have appropriate times to use it and some even require it in conclusion i don't believe this rule should be placed because every class is different and can enforce their own rules.

It is a good idea to restrict phones but I don't find having to turn our phones off and putting them in our bags is a good way to handle it Its not reasonable for everyone to have to use the office to relay messages. Phones are needed and a big way of how we stay safe and how we can continue through the day. Phones are also EXTREMELY important to have on each person. Some examples of situations that it's not beneficial to have our phones turned off and in our bags. In the context of safety if there is a fire we have been instructed to leave our bags in the building. If our phones are in our bags we have no way to contact our parents. Our parents will have no way to get in contact with us to make sure we are okay and for us to keep them updated. Another example of a safety situation is the school going into lock down. If our phones are in our bags and we don't have time to get to our bag or say we are in the bathroom without it we wont be able to help or get in contact with our parents. But in the context of everyday life our phones are a big help in our schooling. I know as a senior at Pahump Valley High I use my phone almost daily to help import things into my assignments and to do research on the websites that are blocked by our school to get additional information for projects. I also use my phone for a calculator in my classes like economics. Our phones are overall beneficial to our school life.

very dumb, if anything students just finna fail more and less likely to do homework cause it's not like you can take their phones while they are at home.

With the case of an emergency there would be a delay in my knowledge. I also carpool with my father, due to the fact that he works at pathways, and on a daily basis he will message me on grabbing the truck. This policy will not allow opportunities like this to happen for me.

Just no, why would this make a positive impact on kids at school? Kids dread going to school anymore it is so challenging for most and it isn't taken seriously by teachers at all. Understandably the cyber bullying may happen but deal with those students separately not make it a punishment for the whole district for a hand full of students making an impact. This is not professional in any way and is not a positive way of coping for bullying or test scores.



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I feel like even though yes, it's distracting, if the student (lets just say the studnets name is Tom) Tom in this situation, got a very important call from his mom, saying something like "Your father died" or something serious like that. It would be a important call and having your phone off would be making you miss that text and you would be missing and important.

As a student, I think the rule about phones isn't very practical. Why? Because what if a parent needs to reach the school quickly but can't? Or what if a message meant for a student takes hours to be delivered?

High schoolers should be trusted to use their phones maturely. While cyberbullying is a serious concern, banning phone use on school grounds entirely won't stop it—it will continue outside school regardless.

Instead, I believe a more reasonable approach would be to restrict phone use for 6th to 10th graders except during lunch or free time. Juniors and seniors, on the other hand, are generally more responsible with their phones and may even be more focused in class.

i can understand some things but like lunch why

I suppose considering other schools this situation may be different then ours, but out of all the classes i go to in a day, not one out of this entire year has had much of any problems with phones. This is the highschool, however in the classes i go to the students around me seem to respect the phone policy a teacher may give and we have no problems with this. So i dont see the need for such policy when as far as i see we arent sharing those problems. If anything it would only serve to upset students.

The Spartan Shield Austen Scott, Guest Writer  
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I think that no matter what students will still not pay attention even if they put the policy. I think that the students who are constantly having bad grades have that policy instead of those students that are good with their grades.

i agree with not being allowed to have phones during class but i do think that not being able to have phones during lunch should be re considered.

I believe that in high school at least, they shouldn't restrict phone usage during the school day. Most if not all of the students who are on their phones instead of doing their work at school will continue to do so even if this policy is implemented. Its not fair to take the privilege away from those who do all of their work and just use their phones during their free time. In addition, With the increase of gun violence across america, personally having my phone on me helps me feel safe, it at the very least gives me the comfort that in a situation like that I would at least be able to say goodbye and I know many others who feel that same way.

We need our electronic devices incase of emergency, i need my tracker on my phone so people know where I am at, and safe. I sometimes am allowed to use my phone in class when I need to take a picture of my books so i can answer my questions. The teachers allow you to text if its your parents. I need my phone to know if I am bus or pickup, or who is picking me up.

Its bad, some students use music when writing or working privately once a lecture is over. It also helps with communicating between group projects! Tho there is some problems the pros outway the cons in many ways!

I think phones are more of a tool and a thing that can be regulated fine without a ban. I believe the current way of your phone getting taken away works fine as long as the teachers aren't oblivious. Being able to quickly message your parents when needed is also important. Phones could be used as a tool to help with school work, used for notes or reminders. It also aids those that struggle with sight. Personally, I never had a data plan so I don't understand the idea of using my phone all day I strictly use it for music to help me focus because without it my mind would wander, I keep it at a low volume and modern earbuds have a "transparency" mode where it plays back the audio around you so you can hear clearly. I do understand the idea of banning cell phones and I do see it as an understandable and justifiable cause. However, the idea of restricting phones to this extent would cause an outrage and people wouldn't change as they would continue to sneak their phones.



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I do not agree with this because during my school day I contact my parents to keep them updated and to have them keep me updated on the medical issues in our family. If you take away my cellphone i wouldn't have been notified that my mom went to the hospital, if you take away my Phone i wouldn't get updates on my dad after his cancer treatment appointments. Despite all of the home things going on i feel safer at school when i have access to my cell phone because with the amount of school shootings and threats school is on of the least safest places these days. I have only been at the school for 1 and 1 half years and we have already had 3 school shooting threats and each time we've had these threats i have contacted my parents to let them know i'm okay and nothing has happened or to let them know about the threats going on to tell them that i do not feel safe and want to go home. Last but not least there has been many times where i have had personal issues at this school and needed to go home either i was sick or there was issues with bullying and the only way i felt okay was when i went home with my family but in doing so the school wouldn't text my parents and say your child is being bullied they would just make me safe voice and then go about my day but there are times when i need my cell phone to contact my parents for those reason and that's including the job issues where i need to contact my boss about work which i would need my cell phone for. So i strongly disagree with restricting my cell phone.

NO

I think you won't be doing this considering the answers you guys are gonna get from this and the anger from parents about this + kids will still find a way to bring things

i don't see a issue with me having my phone it should be up to the teacher weather the students should have them are not. they know the students best

While cell-phones are the main holder of the distraction rate for students, the cell-phone policy should be enforced only if it becomes a problem in the classroom. Personally, something effective that I have seen is that with enough warning, the cell-phones get to go into a plastic baggie, get stapled up, and put in front of the student on the desk. If for any reason the student opens up the bag, the phone gets put into a sleeve on the wall until the end of the class period. There has not been one real problem in that classroom ever since those rules were laid out. If that could be the rule (or something similar) for every classroom across the district, it would have students use their phones responsibly. There is also an issue with safety and security in this school, at the very least. Much of the staff are physically incapable of breaking up the fights here, as proven time and time again. Also, in the event of a lockdown or a real shooting, people are going to want to make contact with their parents. No phones would mean that there would be waves of worried parents that have no information about how their kids are doing. Please reconsider this policy, as it would not be worth the students' safety or their lives. There are certainly better ways to go around this.

unnecessary

My thoughts are that you should be able to contact your parents/gaurdians if there is a fire or intruder at the school, so there should not be a rule where you have to keep your phone off and in your bag. If we need to contact our parents we would have to power on our phones and get them out our bags. Also the teacher would most likely not let us get our phones so thats why the new phone rule should not be put in place.





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I believe that cell phone use should be available during lunch and at the teachers discretion, but otherwise be standard that there be a cell phone ban

In my opinion, I personally think the ban of cell phones during the school hour will not prevent cyberbullying and will just cause more problems among schools. Students, especially teenagers, always find a way to get the things they want in more sneaker ways, which will just cause behavioral problems to increase for schools. Aside from this, cell phones should be allowed during schools hours in case if certain students have a family emergency and need to be informed by this through their cellular device, which would make parents and or guardians upset and furious with this ban being in action.

I understand there are a lot of different reasons to restrict students from phones, however the bad outweighs the good in this situation. Have you ever really needed to contact someone and did not have your phone or maybe, someone was trying to contact you? The feeling of needing something in that given moment and not having it can be stressful. Now imagine, students at school who are already stressed due from the amount of work, trying to juggle everything they have going on, and the family problems a lot of people have a home; without a phone. Now lets also understand that this school is ghetto. From the time I've been at this school, its not hard to see that the kids can get out of control when angry. Taking away phones from everybody without a fail is going to cause a major outbreak, and that's not good considering we already have fights that are hard to break up. Now, I talked to some teachers wanting their feedback on the issue. Most of them were either neutral or disagreed. Now for the neutral side, I heard pretty much the same thing, like how they are tired of students not paying attention but there are some kids that have things going on and some students listen to music and preform better with their phones. Now the disagreed side was saying that there is no reason to take a students phone away if no harm or disrespect is being done. I happen to be a person who listens to music for whatever I'm doing. Music is my coping mechanism, it also allows me to focus on my work and get good grades, and I know I'm not the only one. Taking a student's phone should not be the answer to the problem. I've heard a lot of teachers and maybe even other staff tell a student "you're almost grown so its time to act like it" yet people think the answer is to treat us like a child. I do agree that sometimes phones get out of hand, some students do not listen, they do not do their work, and maybe they are even cheating, but to take phones away completely should not be the resolution. The person who get in trouble with their phone should have to be the one who pays up, not the rest of us. I see no need to completely restrict, maybe just rethink the solution.



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I read through the letter and the only reason that had good backing in the topic of the school day is the ones referring to distractions in the classroom. The reason of "cyber bullying" is just a reach for any reason. If a child had true intent to bully a peer, why would they do so by cyber bullying in school, which is one of the only places they have full access to the victim. Maybe make reforms on punishments for fighting, maybe protect actual kids who are victims so they feel safe to go to the office with their issues. Taking away phones in school for "cyber bullying" would have no effect unless those phones are taken away in the household which the school board has no effect on. This also plays into the other point that had no backing in the school topic. Students feeling "isolated" because of phones is not a problem in school. That again is an issue to be brought up in the household. A phone would not be the root reason of isolation and its delusional to blame a child feeling alone and isolated on a phone being used in school. My last point is a personal issue. I have a health condition that makes me not get enough blood to my heart causing dizziness and on multiple occasions, passing out. I need constant access to my mother to tell her if I'm not feeling well or for my friends to contact her if I passed out. Having phones in school is not only a object to raise student moral by making communicating with peers easier, but it also is a tool for protecting the student body, the same one you are fighting to protect with a phone ban. Your ban is nonsensical, using evidence with no backing in a school context and only damaging the student.

I think it's a terrible idea, so what happens when theres a school shooter? We can't even go on our phones then? not like it will stop anybody but its still a ignorant rule. Trying to in force something like this will only make the phone situation worse, so I think its best for them to not even try in the first place

I think it's messed up to be taking the right of any kids electronics we already can't even use our phone due to the service that is restricted throughout the whole entire school especially in emergency situations this is an unnecessary Ban

its stupid because students will bring their phones anyways so theres really no point

I feel that phones are a problem in school, but if there was an emergency such as a lock down, I would want my phone on me just in case I needed to text my mom about where I am and what is going on.

My thoughts on the new cell phone getting restricted is that it is stupid and PVHS is getting worse every year. To The Nye County S.D Doing this just so you know that your making a wrong choice and if the use of getting our cell phones does end getting restricted your letting the whole Nye County itself schools down.



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Cell phones shouldn't be taken away at schools because they are crucial in case of emergencies. In situations where immediate communication is necessary, such as natural disasters, lockdowns, or medical emergencies, having access to a cell phone can make a significant difference. Students can quickly reach out to their parents, guardians, or emergency services, ensuring that help is on the way without delay. This immediate access to communication can provide peace of mind to both students and their families, knowing they can stay connected during critical moments. Moreover, cell phones can serve as a tool for safety beyond just emergencies. They can be used to report suspicious activities or bullying incidents, contributing to a safer school environment. With the increasing prevalence of school-related incidents, having a cell phone can empower students to take proactive steps in ensuring their own safety and the safety of their peers. While it's important to manage their use to prevent distractions during learning, completely taking away cell phones might leave students vulnerable when they need them the most.

I think that less kids will stop going to school and many kids will just not follow the rule

Prohibiting access to cell phones is not only dangerous but an over extension of power. Phones are a tool this week alone I've been forced to use my phone to do inaccessibility to other electronics in class. In the threat of a shooting I've witnessed students use their phones to say what they belived to be their final goodbyes. Phone are the modern connection to our outside world, prohibiting them is cutting our connection.

i would hate it as a student personally

What the sigma

I don't think that anyone should have a say on when i use my personal things, that should be every students choice. But i do think that there is a time and a place to use them like when a teacher is teaching its common sense to not have you're electronics out, but if its really is an emergency or just family issues at home then i think its okay to send a text really fast.

As a student of Pahrump Valley High School, I believe that phones should be allowed during the school day, as various scenarios call for having them handy. I think that cell phones should be left up to teachers to decide if they will permit them in their classroom or not. In all seriousness, students will just find another way to access / use their phone, even if they're restricted. I do not think this would be solving a long term issue, but instead create more ways for students to become sneakier with how they can access their phone during school hours.

Additionally, students in sports and or extracurriculars may need their phones during school hours. I do not agree with this phone policy as a student. Thank you for your time

Parents would get upset not being able to have contact with their children and teachers aren't treated the same way and would be allowed on electronics

I think that by doing this kids would be not interested in coming to school anymore.



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I understand that most students just play on their phone, but half of them have already finished work and are just trying to pass the time for the rest of the class period. There are way more cons than pros to this, the only pro is that we get bored and have to listen to the teacher rant for an hour and a half about a topic then go off topic about a personal issue then back to the topic no student wants to pay attention to that when we have homework done or when we already finished our work. The cons are if we power off our phones from the beginning to end were not going to get emergency texts what if someones mom gets rushed to the hospital but the student cant check it because the school district makes us power off our phones, or if a student is having an allergic reaction and needs to text there parents, well congrats the student went in to anaphylactic shock because she couldn't text there parents that there having a bad allergic reaction. not to mention the office is going to have a million kids going up to the office to call there parents and you'll get a lot of issues from the student who do, most of the us aren't going to listen and when you threaten to take away out phones were not scared well put up a fight and say no, this school is being ridiculous if the student has to power off their phones so do the teachers, administration, Principle, EVERYONE don't single out the students and act like " there not getting work done because there on their phone" i see a whole lot more teachers on there phones rather than teaching why should the students be the only ones.

As a student who has gone to a school where phones were prohibited during the school day I beleive it is unnecessary. Although it may seem as if it will help in making the schools more focused, it will not. There will be a ginormous ammount of students hiding their phones to do things and it will get annoying day after day to get students in trouble for being on their phones. Another thing that can be mentioned is the fact that, more than half of our school has wifi blockage in classrooms. I also beleive and KNOW that phones can be used as a learning tool, sure there are Chromebook and papers but, students do not feel a connection towards those things, letting students have their phones let's them learn that they can get things done and also have "decompression time" where they are allowed to relax, therefore learning that doing work rewards in good behavior.

I think that this policy shouldn't be a thing because if something bad happens at school and the kids need to call their parents they can't because they will get in trouble .

Not a good idea bc us seniors get important calls and texts for are jobs or if we have to leave are parents can text us and let us know that they called the school or if a family thing happens or whatever happened at school that we need to call 911

I dissagree o this because if you have a family emergency and your family cant reach you, it will be not good.

it is important to have a phone on your person in case of emergency, there have been many school threats fake and real but in situations where its not a fake threat students should be able to tell their loved ones their good byes in case of passing as well as calling for help.



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I think that it isn't a good idea. From personal experience taking away the phones is just as much a distraction as it is to keep them. My reasoning behind this is because when phones are taken, students tend to think about checking the notifications just as much as they do when we have them if not more. Students also tend to dwell more on their phones when they are taken because they are typically upset about it thus showing that even without them they are still going to distract them. Now since some students do get distracted with their phones, I feel that it is rather unfair to "punish" the rest of the students by removing the phones from school just because a few kids can't stay off of them. Here in Round Mountain, many of my teachers have come up with an agreement as to when we are allowed to use our phones and when we are not. For example, Mr. Wind allows us to use our phones for things such as music on our time after the lesson, we are allowed to check notifications during the lesson but not allowed to reply or interact with the notification until the lesson has concluded. This has so far been proving to work in this class. Work still gets turned in and finished properly when it is due. I feel if all the classes were to do the same, there most likely would be a significant improvement.

I don't like it because if there was a problem I couldn't text or call anyone then I would die .

I don't think phones should entirely be restricted during the school day, instead enforce a strict phone policy such as having 1 warning and the second warning will cost you losing your phone for the day.

I think that if we are to sit through a school day with a group of strangers, without our guardians, we should be able to message or contact them in emergencies that the administration and teachers would not understand.

what if a parent need to talk to there kid and what if something is happing and when a phone is powered off you cant call it meaning parents cant get to there kids

If you try to take away student's rights to have their phone out, it's not going to work. All this will do, is make students sneakier and more rebellious. It will be a complete waste of time.

I have many reasons on why this is not a good idea, first being, you know the more you try to enforce this, the more people will rebel. You really want more students starting problems rather than us having our phones. Another reason being to get ahold of our parents, i have really bad anxiety, so when i'm having a panic attack i will text my mom and she can calm me down, how am i supposed to do that if i cant have my phone? Also, there are so many things that happen at schools now, for example school shootings, i feel most comfortable knowing that if i am in any danger at school i can let my parents know right away instead of waiting for the school to contact them. I feel safer at school having my phone on me, and you guys taking that away makes me feel way less safe in school, and school is a place EVERYONE should feel safe and comfortable. I just think enforcing this policy will be a big mistake and start a lot of problems,



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Cellphones are great. And currently they're only usable in high school. I think this should stay as it acts as a privilege or reward of sorts. And when it comes to cyber bullying, even if a majority of cases start at school. If you remove phones from schools, then they'll just cyberbully from other avenues (like at home or just after school). You then say "we want them to socialize with other students" even though they often aren't permitted to talk in class and cant even move around at lunch to speak with people. It is with all that I ask you to not remove phones.

i'm a senior and i'm an independent as a student, i need to be able to take calls for doctor appointment's and if something serious is happening at the house i help with.

Taking the Cell phones away/Banning them will just make more and more students agrivated and have more and more fighting will begin to happen in the school. Cyberbullying is a little less harmful and damaging then REAL bullying. I believe taking the phones from students will make a negative impact due to them being personal items, can help students focus, and can help students submit more work then not having them. There is a reason students have/need cell phones, which can include medical emergency, something happening at any campus (I.E. intruder on campus), or any other fact. Taking the electronics away will also prevent more growth in the school, the cell phones might be a problem now but they in the future they can be the reason why the schools grow. The schools spend a lot of money on technology in computers, tablets, other necesties to help students learn, but if someone used the phones in their favor, then the school could possibly pay less. I honestly believe taking the phones away can be a horrible disaster, making students not want to do anything in class, students currently are on their phones due to a boring class or a teacher that seems cruel to them. But having their phone can at least make it so they can hear the instructions, and can make them do even a fraction of the work, compared to taking them away and having the student sleep throughout the class because the class got too boring for them to even want to participate. This can also be a horrible idea for teachers, yes they want their students to participate, but by taking their phones away can also lead to them acting out, either by starting worse fights with teachers or starting bloody fights with students. This is just my personal opinon, I feel that it's just a bad idea, for students and teachers a like.

yes i do agree a little bit considering some people do over use their phones in school, but without them, you would not now that something might be happening at home and a parent might need to get hold of you, so im gonna have to say no to the phones being restricted.



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My thoughts on students restricting cell phones during the instructional day is that its a safety issue. Say something happens and they need to contact a parent how are they to do so especially if no faculty is around. Some classes also ask us to use our cells phone for several activities such as taking photos and using them to record and create projects. Can phones be a distraction, yes. Will this restriction stop kids from still doing it probably not. I believe the more you try to stop something the more people are gonna wanna do it. I also read the document that was written saying that cell phones can cause more cyber bullying and lead to more students feeling lonely. The sad truth is no matter what bullying will always be an issue and its not because of the device. The way people act is shaped by how they were raised and what they have been acclimated with. Its not a phone issue. Students will be just as intense in person because that's how they have learned to behave due to negative influences in their lives. As for the loneliness part students use their phones to stay connected with each other and help each other out. Most students also use them throughout the school day to help communicate about personal stuff going at home. I see this as a way to connect even when not face to face. Also say a student is struggling, they are more likely to communicate with a student whom they trust rather than a teacher. There are a lot of pros and cons and I believe we can go on and on, but I know that restricting phones isn't gonna bring the change that the district wants. I understand why they want to put this in action but there is a lot more to the issue than the cell phones themselves. In fact we are in the digital age and yes the old ways work but sometimes change is good so maybe instead of banning them we should utilize them throughout the learning process. I think that if our students are taught how to utilize them the proper way they wouldn't be such a threat to how we academically perform. Thank you for your time.

I'm okay with it, I just wanna listen to music because it helps me focus.

It is unnecessary and will make parents upset. If you do this to students you should do it to teachers as well.

In today's society technology is a big part in everything we do. Students need their phones on them in case an emergency happens and if it's powered off and put away somewhere they will have trouble getting on it. Many students including myself have things going on at home and have to constantly contact parents/guardians regularly which if they have their phone powered off they can't do that. Then during lunch and passing periods that's also our time to be on our phone and see if our parents messaged us and do whatever else.



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I want to share my perspective on the proposed cell phone policy that restricts student phone usage during the instructional day. I believe this approach may not benefit students as intended. Many of us rely on our phones for safety and communication; having them accessible is essential. If a student is experiencing something like cyberbullying, taking away their phone won't stop the issue. They still have access to their devices outside of school, where bullying can continue.

Instead of an outright ban, why not allow students to use their phones during lunch and other breaks? When students are denied access to comforting things like music, it can lead to frustration and resentment towards school. As a student who enjoys listening to music, I find it disheartening that I can't even keep headphones in my bag without facing reprimand. While students need to focus, these restrictions can hinder those who rely on such comforts to feel supported.

Additionally, many students are hesitant to approach teachers about their issues; they find it easier to talk to friends. Allowing phone usage could foster better friendships and connections among students. The online world can help newcomers navigate their social circle and discover peers with similar interests. Although some students might misuse their phones, it's the staff's responsibility to guide and manage that behavior. I firmly believe that allowing appropriate phone usage can enhance the overall school experience for students.

I think it's fine to restrict phones in school, i don't really care because i don't use my phone until I'm done with work or a test, but I also think its pretty bad to because if a school shooting happens, what if the student wants to write a goodbye note to their parents or call the police? and not to mention if phones are distracting on tests maybe teach the curriculum easier so they wont need to use their phones, or maybe make the class more fun, and also kids are going to be on their phone either way even if the ban on cellphones happen, because the kid will either not give you the phone at all, or just ignore you, and also if you try to take away the kids phone that could potentially be considered harassment and if the parent doesn't agree you can take away the kids phone it can also be considered stealing. just my opinion though.

Hate it.

Just no honestly, When I'm done with my work I dont want more work but just a break and I could do something with the use of my phone.

Honestly These high school students are teenagers, and teenagers have a tend to see their phone, even with these rules currently students are ignoring that. I understand there's is a place and time for these cell phones but what they to do once they have work completely done? They don't want to more work that's not necessary or required, they just sit in silence waiting for more work. I say let these half grown adults use their cellphone and the reason that rule can be possibly placed is by teacher's, this rule is seen by a preference that teacher's can set in their classrooms.

I strongly disagree because i believe highschool is a place for matured teens-adults. i believe we can restrict phones and add policies but not take them away permanently.

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Instead of restricting cell phone use classes should be made fun and enjoyable so there wouldn't be a reason to go to a cell phone for enjoyment.

I do understand the fact that it is a major distraction to class time at points but also in many of my classes there is free time where we are allowed on our phones because there is nothing else to do and I don't see why that should be taken away if students understand the appropriate time they can be on their phones. I think it should be up to the teachers on whether or not they allow phones. Currently I have some teachers where you can't have your phone out at all and people respect that and keep their phones put away. I also don't think it should be restricted further because it's important kids have access to contact their parents for any given reason.

If a family member dies shouldn't their parents be able to directly contact their child instead of having someone the student doesn't really know tell them

Limiting the use of cellphones will make it so we are unable to talk to our parents throughout the day about sports clubs or anything else important happening after school and if something is happening our parents won't know and will worry. While students do need to be off of their phones more they can't be taken away with a majority of our work being online and our phones being a tool due to the schools blocking websites that could be used.

I believe as a student who remains on top of work, this punishes the students who put their work first and phone second. I enjoy relaxing for a few minutes if I find myself with spare time in class. Say a student is caught up in all classes and has finished all of 1st period's assignment(s) for the day with 30 minutes to 1 hour left in class, what is that student expected to do? Yes they can always read a book but it seems to me very obvious most students aren't big readers AND if they do read they end up doing it from said phone on some form of e-book app. Very few students from what I see read actual paper back/ hard cover books unless mandatory for class work/assignment.

What if students must text their parents, call 911, or show someone (an adult) a picture of someone Self Harming? Hurting other students? WE NEED OUR PHONES!

I have seen a bunch of vaping around the school, people skipping classes, and wondering around. How are we meant to keep and rule the phone policy if we can't even stop students from vaping. Also teachers have their own rules and policies about phones that match what the class is teaching and work with the way they do things. Phones are used as breaks, students don't use their phones in class if they have a break.

very bad rule that never works as intended and limits students from contacting parents or other people that need to be contacted also limits the freedom of good kids that do their work and have free time in classes

In my opinion, cell phones should not be restricted because many students need them to communicate with their families. But I think it is good to consider that students should not use phones when their teachers are explaining a topic in class. As a student at Pahrump Valley High School, I think that this policy could disrupt students' communication with their families or colleagues, in addition to considering that the use of the cell phones is not the main problem in education but rather the education system implemented by teachers and their way of teaching in



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classes.

If the students don't have any work to do during that class what are we supposed to do "stare at the wall?". I'm a good student and it's not my fault that students who don't have a good work ethic can't handle their personal devices. This rule should not apply to all students because there are good students who can handle their personal devices while at school.

What if are parents send us a emergency text or call and we can't see it or answer it.

Personally as a student I disagree with somethings in the policy. Cell phones and any WORKING device can be used as a form of bullying. A schools chrome book has as well been used as a form of communication to spread rumors to multiple people. On another note, it is not all students who use their phones do bad on tests or their work. It is those who decide that they do not want to do the work because they "have nothing better to do". People at my school still do good on their tests and work even while using their phones. Banning phones from being used during school won't do anything but cause more trouble as I've seen it happen, and no parent is going to go through of reaching the office just to talk to their child because that is the whole reason why their child is bringing their phone to school. Banning phones can and WILL make the more troublesome students be more sneaky with using their phone until the point where a lot of those students are either skipping classes, hiding out in the bathrooms, etc just to use their phone. So again, banning phones will do nothing but benefit the attempt of setting the foot down. Before I end this comment, I noticed that if this goes through that we won't be allowed to use our devices during lunch either. Lunch is a students break time and NOT an instructional time, taking away our phones during lunch is again not going to do but cause more issues for the administrators, it could potentially cause students to go against the rules anyways and pick issues with staff who attempt to try and take their phone away. Therefore, I suggest those who made this document go through it carefully and really think about what you are doing here. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to speak about.

I feel that it can be unsafe to students as to there was many lock downs and threats and there was no wifi to text parents.

Sounds like a not smart idea for me personally when you've got 5 classes and your caught up with all work I'd rather not sit there and do absolutely nothing for an hour and 20 minutes.

My thoughts is that even though I am homeschooled and this doesn't effect me in any way shape or form

It is still unfair to the students who are doing everything right and still get punished for using their phone that they have the right to use

Cyberbullying and other inappropriate use of technology would occur outside of school anyway, the issue can be solved through peer reports and individual phone restrictions by admin during school and guardians at home. Additionally phone usage can be limited to when a student has finished classwork in class so they wouldn't be distracted while completing work. The citation from the Journal of Adolescence also would not be helped by restricting phones in school.

Students should be allowed to use there phones outside class because, out of class, it is ok for students to be able to use their phones as long as its not in class time.



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The teachers should be up to the decision and if it is not a distraction to the students during lecture time, it shouldn't be a problem. We as young adults have a short attention span, and when we take breaks, lunch or passing period it would be ok to get our minds reset.

While you may be right on the cyber-bullying part but if school's are unable to handle and properly punish students from doing that what you think taking away phones will do? Stop bullying? No, it won't in fact the bullying may just get worse cause then the a holes that are cyber-bullying is just gonna start do it in person which will cause more problems, plus there's the fact that most students will NOT feel safe without access to they're phones like seriously there are literal SHOOTINGS that happen at schools and you people are worried about Cell phones, prioritize that and better discipline for bullying going on now cause takin' phones is not it

I understand where people are coming from when they make this policy. However, Students genuinley need to use their phones for certain things. Those kids who use them wrong and waste thier time just hurt themselves. They may be a distraction, but at the end of the day thats on the students that chose to use their time in wrong matter. I believe that we are advancing and eventually you need your phone for everything. You can pay on your phone and soon youll be able to do all kinds of stuff. I honestly believe that students who chose to use their devices incorrectly, fail. Thats the consequences of their own actions.

Needing parents to call the front office to reach there child is not a good idea and restricting use of phone during lunch will make the students mad especially if they sit by themselves and have nothing else to do.

it stupid to take the phone away form the student that need it .

no thoughts

i do no think that phones should be taken away during the school day in case parents need to contact students the office members do not want to call down students out of class to tell them something or call the teacher to relay a message to the student it is important for the students to be able to have direct contact from their personal phone to contact parents in a emergency and its less distraction for everyone and everyone can learn even if u text your parents fro you personal phone its not bothering anyone or hurting anyone



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Kids are going to fail regardless, the office staff are not only rude and unsympathetic (except for ms doyle) but they never answer the phone and literally forget to call classrooms when kids are going home. several teachers have reported that the office does not respond and that the panic buttons warrant a wait time that could be fatal. Removing phones will not solve the problems they are looking to solve. I understand teachers frustrations of kids not paying attention but they will always find a way to goof off. What they can do is stop handing out packets and then just kicking back. In classrooms like Mr Larssens, very few kids go on their phone, because he asks them not to but allows music and most importantly, he engages kids. There is a way to engage students in every subject, while also ending up with less papers for the teacher to grade. Packets and extensive canvas assignments dont help anyone or teach kids anything. Nobody retains information that way. Kids will always find loopholes and ways around these rules. School is already draining and it is difficult to pay attention because teachers dont care about making their students excited to learn. Kids would self regulate if given better circumstances.

If a kid wants to sit on their phone all day and fail, let them. How stupid to think that restricting them completely is the answer, first of all you're going to have a huge amount of angry parents and students that won't follow the rule/ will pull their kids from school. But you will also have too many kids getting into trouble to keep track of. It's already awful enough that our access to any network or communication is blocked in case of emergency, but now they want to reinforce that and make school even more of a prison than it already is. let's kids listen to music, fail if they want to, and contact their loved ones incase of an emergency. whoever came up with this idea in the first place should go to hell.

I believe that you guys shouldn't take away OUR phones cause I like to use it during lunch, breakfast and when I want to listen to music

As long as they are not distracted by it in class we should be allowed to have it on our person.

A lot of students use their phones especially at lunch for music and communicating with family. students should be allowed access to their phones at lunch. It is very beneficial for me being a student with noise issues to be able to listen to music and have that option especially on a day where i need a break from people and noise. I don't think phones should be used in class but student lunch is the student's downtime and they should be able to do what they want as long as their following rules and not being disruptive, hurting others, or damaging school equipment and/or property.

Wanting to restrict cell phone use during school hours is understandable, to the extent of powering them off the entire day including during lunch is unnecessary. Students should have access to phones during passing periods and at lunch, as it is not affecting their learning time. If a teacher sees a student on their phone in class when not instructed to they should confiscate the phone. Teachers have not been strict on cell phone use and unless it is during a test or causing problems there should be no need to restrict the use the entire day.





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I strongly disagree with this new policy because, coming from a dual enrollment student, I use my phone daily to log into my college account at school. I use my phone to get an access code to be able to log in and without it I wouldn't be able to log in to do my college work at school during the time that is given to me to do my work. I would have to do my college work at home since I cant have my phone on during school. This greatly affects us dual enrollment students.

i think it is unfair to the students because now that they cant have phones means they cant take photos to capture the memoirs and all older classes weren't strict but now they are getting to strict and it is making kids not like going to school

Implementing this new idea won't make a difference in class recognition. Students who don't want to learn won't learn regardless. This is an issue of safety

My thoughts are that students shouldn't have the policy on there own cell phones. Its highschool, We are more mature and we can follow the rules, Like if there is a test we will know to put or phones away.

It can lessen the kids safety by leaving it at home. and also there are some other students that I know that if they power off their phones. it fully resets their phone and uses up a whole bunch of data.

I think they should not because if there is an emergency how will we contact a guardian, as well as students usually do not use them for bad and if they are being cyberbullied they should sign off

I think that enforcing the no phone rule is good for this school, even though some kids find other distractions, but I think it will be good for our brains to not have a constant source of entertainment during school hours.

I think they should be put away during class but not during lunch, breakfast, and in the hallways.

Not a smart idea whatsoever

I think that students need their cell phones because of the event where an emergency may happen and they need to talk tuah their children and may not feel comfortable telling the office to relay that important information to them fr. Another reason is like, what if the student gets bored after finishing all their work, like they gonna need something to do so they dont sit there. So yeah...  
WONTON

Its not right we need our cell phones to call our perents.

bad nuh uh terrible

I feel that it is a bit strict but, fair,since others have been caught it is a bit concerning to hear more students might do it.

I personally believe this is a bad policy because we should have the privilege to have our phones out. This is america not North Korea. This is the land of the FREEDOM.



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I strongly disagree with the thoughts of implementing a new cell phone policy that completely restricts the use of cell phones by students during the instructional day. As a student, it is my up most priority to be in contact with my parents at all times during the day in case of emergency or accident. By removing the privilege of being able to contact my parents during the instructional day, that leaves both my parents and I vulnerable to not only the stress of an impending accident, but also a possible lack of response during an accident.

There are several problems with this initiative. As said before, an example of a problem is contact between student and guardian during an emergency. As for contact in through the office, that is a breach of both my privacy and my guardian's privacy.

The idea of bullying starting through the internet is a new concept that has been studied, but cutting students access from their electronic devices won't cut that problem down. Bullying starts at school, not on our electronics. If a student is being bullied either physically or electronically, they should have access the resources to make sure it ends.

Clearly, the idea of banning the use of electronics during the instructional day is an attempt created by members of our educational board to control our learning environment. Your jobs are to create a safe and productive environment that improves both the moral of students and student grades alike. By banning electronic use in school, that creates a bleak environment that especially doesn't prepare students for later life. I believe that there are ways to absolutely cut down on phone use, but this is not it. This feels like a lack of initiative by the school board. I believe that this option will not only damage student moral, but could cause even more problems than "not focusing on tests."

I think this is the dumbest idea this school can implement. As a student that was full time for one year, this school was so miserable I moved to online school. The students are not the only issues, there's suck a lack of care from the staff and especially teachers. It feels like there's no actual care for the students here, they are just a paycheck for the staff. Not only is this idea incredibly ignorant, it's putting students at even more danger than they already are at this school. You guys already block the wi-fi in several areas of the school (allegedly). Last year when there was a lockdown it was so terrifying not being able to contact my parents because there was no internet, I cannot imagine how worse it would be not having a cellphone at all. Maybe if the learning material was interesting enough students would actually be engaged.

It's not gonna help it's gonna make the kids hate the school and it'll bring more problems than help.

I believe it should be a rule left up to the teachers, their room their rules. Many teachers have students who finish work quickly and have lots of time left over, websites on the computer that provide entertainment are all blocked for obvious and reasonable reasons, but having phones completely restricted for the whole day is absolutely ridiculous. I am one of the students who typically finishes work early and fast and good, I do this because I have the option to get on my phone afterwards. Its a sort of reward at the end of it which empowers me to get my work done. If I know that if I finish my work early and then have to sit their for 30 minutes twiddling my thumbs



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around, Im just gonna mess around and not do my work.

Well i get that its a distraction but lets say if there ever is a problem at the school such as a fire or lock-down how will the students be able to contact there families.

The new cell phone policy is stupid. Restricting the use of cell phones for students will just make us be on them more. Our entire school is very good about getting our work done even if we have our phone. We should also have our phones because if I want to talk to my mom it shouldn't have to go through the office, or if she wants to talk to me. I think the idea of most family's conversations going through a school secretary is inappropriate.

Phones should only be used for emergency of need to contact, if they want to use it for something else, they can wait until their on break or after school, like any job.

I believe that teachers should allow students to use their phones during free time, once they have completed their assignments. This provides a chance for students to relax and engage with their interests after working hard. They should also be permitted to use their phones during lunch, as this is their own free time. Additionally, teacher assistants (TAs) often find themselves waiting for instructions and have little to do during those periods. Allowing them to use their phones could help keep them engaged and productive until they are needed. Overall, these measures can enhance the experience for both students and TAs while maintaining a positive learning environment.

During the instructional phone usage should be minimal, though locking up electronic phones like some schools have been doing cuts off the students only form of communication during things such as emergencies. As much as we want to trust teachers with our best intentions in health and safety, most would not listen to simple things like bathroom requests, how can we trust them for more serious matters? Cutting off communication restricts the students ability to contact safety in dire emergencies or mistreatment of students. Wifi blockers are already used throughout schools across the nation to limit cellphone use for games or other distraction activities.

I understand not to use them in class but they should be able to use them during passing period and lunch

I feel like students shouldn't use their phones during class, but should be allowed to use them in other places to text their parents, or really do whats their business.

While I agree that phone use is an issue with a lot of students, I still think that they should be readily available for safety in case of emergency. In addition, I think the argument that it limits cyber bullying is a bit unfounded, because students still have easy access to their phone and multiple electronics outside of school hours and it would probably do little in actually diminishing it.



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I feel that this policy punishes students who do not abuse their access to their phones. It would be more effective if students that are found using their phone during class X# of times to then be required to leave their phone in the office or at home during the school day. For me, I dont know how I'm getting home each day, so having my phone on me allows my mom to update me on wether I will have to take the bus that day, or if she will still be in Vegas or Death Valley. Things come up, and the effort spent on punishing students who abuse their phones will be minimal compared to the time spent relaying messages to students throughout the day. Also, the students who already are misbehaving, will just find ways around the system. Meanwhile, the people who are already on top of their responsibilities will have more burden. I feel it is also important to add that as a dual enrollment student I NEED my phone to log into my class due to the need for a two-factor authentication.

I don't think this is reasonable, Because people have lives outside of school. Some of us have jobs and need to take phone calls from our employers. I have also heard this from other students from my 4 years at this school. Is that their employers trying to contact them while they are at school? To discuss something important to them, and they can't because a lot of teachers won't let you take a phone call in the hallway real quick. I also know some teachers in this school are going to say that school is more important than your job. But a lot of these students have bills that they need to pay so they can live their lives. But this is just my opinion

Thank you for your time  
sincerely,  
Tyler Stewart

While I do understand why a restriction could be put in place, I do not believe that it is 100% necessary. Firstly, I believe that the safety of students is top priority, and if an emergency were to occur within the school (such as a lock-down, fire drill, etc.), students would be able to contact their parents if necessary. You could argue that the school could do it for the students, but not only does that garner more anxiety for the students and staff altogether. On another note, while cyber-bullying has become a well known issue, it can not be necessarily 'stopped.' This idea that school has something to do with cyber-bullying is, to me, an odd argument. As someone who has gone through cyber-bullying, if someone is not putting the full efforts into preventing it besides 'punishment', it gives the idea that it is the students fault when being picked on. Instead of taking things away, bigger action such as reports and counselling (if wanted by student) should be considered. Regardless, it happens outside of school, so it would only become a temporary 'break' until the student went home. Their mental health would still be impacted even if t wasn't happening during school hours.





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There's a lot of things wrong with this policy. First, most students don't use their phones that often during school but adding this policy WILL cause more students to use their phones to show that this is a DUMB policy. Second, even if this policy gets added most teachers won't even do anything about it or won't even do what you want them to do. Most students have available or easy classes that give them an opportunity to do stuff on their phones instead of bothering the rest of the class (especially on minimum days where no teachers do anything). Lastly, phones are a place where teams and groups can let each other know important information, like if practice is canceled or your going to be gone. Adding this policy will only worsen student behavior and won't stop the use of phones instead of just leaving everything how it is.

I think it's simply just too risky. If you guys are this worried about phones instead of literally anything else, then what are you guys actually doing?

Imagine being a kid with a job and work experience and instead of messaging your boss that you have a sudden schedule change or when you're clocking in, you're told that you can't contact anyone and instead have to go through the office. Imagine that you're a kid who has family problems, a sickly parent or guardian, perhaps helping siblings with their lives, and you aren't allowed to communicate at all. Imagine for a moment that you are in a dangerous situation and you can't contact your kids at all and must sit there as a worried mother or father about what's happening to your kid. Phones are convinces and on this point I agree that they have become distractions.

However, cyber bullying has been an issue since the early 2000s. I still remember being shown those awful info-videos about them. It's an issue that you as a district can help by taking reports seriously. This is like saying that you can just prevent bullying by telling kids to not do it. It just isn't possible and there's nothing you can do to really stop this from happening.

You can take distractions seriously by keeping the policy as is and actually enforcing teachers to take phones.

How about teachers who abuse policies like this and harbor mindless resentment towards children with lives outside of class?

When you pin blame on other things, nothing gets done aside resentment towards the school district.

Just leave the policy as it already is, there's no reason to be enforcing situations like this.

We unfortunately live in a society where school shootings are not uncommon and something we have to practice for, we would obviously need a cellphone during an emergency situation like that. Denying that is denying our first amendment.



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I think that it is a breach of students privilege. most students use their phones to either listen to music or take pictures of work to submit because the chrome books are rather difficult to do so with. Furthermore, we also use our phones to communicate with our parents in case of emergency, and it is not okay so begrudge a student the right to do so because adults that don't have to go to class for a full school day, let alone an entire year, deemed it a "distraction".

It's a safety hazard. Students have the right to have their cellular device on them in the event of an emergency. Especially with students who come from first-responder families who need communication with their families incase of said emergency.

As a student the reasons and opinions I say may not matter to whom reads this. The reason this is a bad idea is for the fact of students have emergencies that parents cannot contact the school and have to go through the students cell phone. As someone who has had to do this. Parents also are gonna complain to the staff members causing more issues. A different idea instead of a full ban is letting the students talk to the teacher before hand on using their phones for emergencies only. All thought the reason behind the idea you have is good it will also lead to more issues, this way parents can contact their children still, yes students would still be upset about it, this would allow emergencies to be handled easier because parents are gonna want to know if their child is okay or if they need to contact them they are going to want to contact their child. Thank you for reading this, I fully agree with the idea of the full ban but I feel it could be tweaked a little bit just for emergencie situations between student and parent. Keeping kids off games is one thing that is completely understandable and agreeable however keep it open to emergencies. Have as great day.

I can understand why you would think taking away phones is a good idea. However I think that is it very unsafe. If something bad were to happen I would want to be able to contact my parents right away, and not have to wait in line for my turn to call. Also what happens if the phones are down and I need to contact my parents? What if I have an embarrassing situation and rather call my parents on my phone rather than going up to the office and talk to them in front of everyone? If I need to contact my parents it is better time management if I just go in the hallway send a text and then go back into class rather than walk all the way down to the office to call. The definition of emergency is different to everyone. Also sometimes my parents can't reach the office. It has happened multiple times. What then? These are all situations that need to be addressed and thought of. I think it would be a very bad call to take away cell phones.

I don't like it at all because we here all damn day and ya'll be expecting us to not be bored, like what?

If we aren't allowed to use our phones then how can we contact a parent or guardian during school hours. What if there happens to be an emergency and I have to contact a parent. I also don't want my parents to have to contact me through the office about information that may be personal. And I know teachers don't want to take time confiscating phones because it takes time out of the time they have to teach. If we can't control other problems around school then how will we control a phone policy?



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Cells phone are a part of our every day lives, Its not the phones its the teacher! Students should want to learn not to be force, Yes they can add on as a distraction but so can Chromebooks, going walking around, talking, drawing. Most schools dont even have service for phones to work...

Banning the phone usage entirely may seem to have many pros, but it also has cons. Many students will still find a way to use their phones and may rebel. Although I am a good student who works hard in school, phone usage has many benefits for me during school. Whether that is for researching for assignments due to the chromebooks disabling many sites, or getting permission to message my parents or receive and read important things from my parents. Without the useage of phones I may be lost during school. My parents also agree that they would like for me to be able to respond to messages throughout the school day to them.

I do not think it will work. If my fellow students, for whatever reason, have such a need to look at their phone, they will. And should a teacher spot a student being "sneaky" about it, and takes the phone, it lessens rapport between that student and the teacher, if I had to imagine. Why yes, students shouldn't be on the phone during the teachers instructions, some of us work better when we have music in our ears, and don't get caught up on the noise made by those who won't keep quiet when they should. In terms of building better social communication, some people just can't work with it, due to social anxiety or other reasons, and due to the difference in every persons nature, trying to force it simply won't work, and mayhaps make those social anxieties worse than they are. But I'm sure my word as a student holds significantly less merit. So yeah.

I disagree with any new policy because they are already heavily restricted. On top of that, being able to listen to music while doing tests would increase the scores as well because serotonin is released when you listen to music calming you and reducing anxiety about the test you're taking. The only way I could see cheating occurring when listening to something is if you recorded yourself saying all the answers because of a study guide but most don't have the dedication to bother doing that. Also, those that don't care about class are going to continue to perform poorly on tests meaning you're punishing the masses because of a few people, which is an entirely asinine reason to enforce something. Those same kids who don't care about class are just going to find more ways to distract themselves which will ultimately end up being more disruptive to the class as a whole. Source for music releasing serotonin:

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0079612318300074>

what if something bad happens and we need to call our parents?

By restricting the use of cell phones, students will not be able to use their phones for educational purposes. As a dual-enrollment student, I rely on my phone to check my grades, turn in work that I may have forgot to turn in during class, and write down important dates and assignments. Without being able to use my phone, I would not be able to use my time as efficiently as I do now. This new policy would restrict students that use their phones for educational purposes from utilizing their time wisely, which is why I think that this policy isn't right for my school.

My thoughts are its not a good policy.



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That our phones are needed for emergencies and useful matters of service if our school internet isnt useful. I also like to take pictures of things I need to remember at a fast process to look back into and study if I dont have time to write it down.

If we are restricted our cellphones, maybe some people will actually do work or more people will drop out. The people who choose to learn and have an education and sometimes get phone time shouldn't be "punished" because some people refuse to pay attention. If parents have a problem with grades then they can take away the cellphone that they pay for. What students decide to do is not the teachers problem. Teachers will get payed no matter what if they are payed salary. If teachers want students to pay attention more then they should be more entertaining for the students sake. The movie "Freedom Writers" is a perfect example as to how teachers should interact with the kids. There is no given day that anything bad will happen to us, how will we tell our families we love them? America is a scary place where school shootings happen so often. Around 3 million children are exposed to school shootings a year. Not only school shootings but do you know how often kids are suicidal? They might not be able to contact someone they trust at school without a phone. If a child is being bullied and they don't have anyone to talk to at school they may call a parent on their personal phone.



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First, I think cell phone use is necessary in the event of emergency. Also I think kids would feel better knowing they could call an adult who is concerned for them if they were having issues like bullying, depression, suicidal thoughts. If cell phone use is restricted, I think a lot of parents may feel even less secure sending their kids to Nye County schools, leading to a bigger increase in the home school numbers and even smaller budgets for our schools.

I do get what ur trying to do. But at the same time that will make students more sneaky on having there phones out. Which causes more proving that even with a policy in place it wouldn't make a change. Yes I do believe that education is important. But realized we are in a generation that uses cellular devices which will not make a cause but with kids that don't decide to rebel against what you guys are doing.. With a removal of cellular devices, it would not make a change. I would say yes, you guys said that. They're able to access their phone when it becomes into a crisis. But most Susan's might feel uncomfortable without their phones. Which during lunch time. I think it's best for them to actually access their phones because everyone needs a break somehow. I don't agree or disagree because they're trying to make a cause. But you must realize that students will probably feel like. It is unfair if the teacher is have their phone's out, during educational purposes or not...

It is a total distraction for kids to have access during the school day, I see it in my granddaughter even on the weekends. She is only 9.

Strongly agree

My thoughts are that it's about time !!!!!

I've had children/grandchildren in the NCSD and heard the stories of kids who use them, especially the middle and high school. They are disruptive, distracting, used to video promote fighting, promote bullying, and many other negative things. I've heard the argument that parents want their kids to have them during school hours in case of an emergency but i feel if teachers have theirs then they are able to communicate with authorities as needed. Or put landline phones in each classroom for emergency use.

As a former student, I truly believe that this would be a harmful policy to implement. Students need access to their cell phones during school hours in case of any emergencies or accidents. Teachers and staff can be more strict about when cell phone usage is/isn't permitted, but banning them creates an unsafe environment for students. It will be impossible for the office to contact each individual student's parents/guardians in the event of an emergency. Parents would much rather hear from their child in the moment rather than a mass robo-call that hardly explains the incident, especially if it is time sensitive. Please consider these factors, and RECONSIDER this awful idea to ban personal devices on campus. Thank you.



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Cell phones are wrongly being used as many school's reasonings for misbehavior. In reality, removing the usage of cellphones from school completely has many bad repercussions. Students who have a hard time making friends at school are left with nothing to do during lunch. The use of cellphones at lunch should not be a concern. I understand forbidding them during class but, lunch is the only time students have for themselves during the school day. Many students find school unenjoyable in the first place and without phones, it makes everything worse.

I think this is ridiculous! Let kids do their own thing, plenty of them decide to succeed and let the ones who dont, fail and learn. They will never learn if not given the opportunity.

I think this is absolutely ridiculous. Banning cellphone use isn't going to ban the use in total, will just implement kids to be more sneaky and/or disobedient. These kids are in highschool, not elementary I think it's quite ridiculous to tell them they can't use the cell phones at all on campus, if anything teachers should have their own rules for cell phone use in the classrooms. Not only is this ridiculous but it also is a major safety issue. In the 2-3 years my brother has attended this school there has been many lock downs to which had my mother worried but would still be able to reach out. Cell phone use is already limited due to the cell phone reception at the school. Taking away cell phones just sounds like a dictatorship and will not solve anything

not in favor. A combination of clear expectations, designated storage systems, such as pouches for phones during class time, and incorporating technology as a learning tool when appropriate, while actively discouraging casual phone use during instruction, There should be clear and definitive actions for noncompliance. Banning anything is not an acceptable way to teach children how to handle situations.

Enforcement or this policy would be contrary to appellate and SCOTUS decisions on 4th Amendment electronic data rights, I was a police officer, and couldn't seize a phone without a warrant, a school employee is also an agent of government and bound by constitutional limits as well.



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### Anonymous Comments

Students need their phone in case of emergencies

I think it is ridiculous that you want to take the phones away from the kids especially during an emergency I get when it's during class nothings going on but you never know when an emergency can occur you will cause a bigger issue then you need to by taking the phones away!

Phones are not re

I think they need phone incase of emergency only

Same as you

I think a new cell phone policy is desperately needed. Working at the high school I have seen how disruptive it can be. Cell phones divert students' attention from lessons, reducing their focus on educational activities. We have come to a point at the high school where some students will not put their cell phone away when asked causing the teacher to pause their lesson, call for a help and have a campus monitor come take the phone. This can cause up to a 15 minute delay in lesson and the other students lose focus. I feel if we had a more strict rule on cell phones we would have less disruption in the class rooms. I feel students feel entitled to use the cell phones in class and I feel they need to know that is not ok. It is disrespectful to the teacher and their peers.

pineapple

I am for polices that limit or restrict the use of cell phones or electronic devices while students are in class, but I am against a policy of not allowing the cell phone on campus for the fact my son has a heart condition and will have baseball practice after school or rides the bus home and has the walk from bus stop to home. If for any reason he needs to call myself or his dad or to notify us immediately he will not be able to do so if cell phones are not allowed on campus.

I understand restricting the use within the classroom settings but the students should be able to check their phones during break and in the "not instructional" part of the day.

My son plays sports after school and needs his phone to get ahold of me. Not to mention if there is an emergency I need my child to have the comfort of knowing he can get ahold of his parent. Regardless, my child will have his phone due to this. I do NOT agree with taking students form of communication to their parents. That is their safe space ESPECIALLY with the world we live in now. Not to mention the students that play sports.

My child will have their phone incase of an emergency. With how crazy things have gotten they need it iffy incase forbid something happens. They will need to get ahold of us:

I think it is unfair to also restrict it on their lunch. How many adults take their lunch without a personal phone or tablet?

I think its a great idea, then maybe kids would get behind in their classes.

It is absolutely needed. Should have been implemented a long time ago.



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Cell phones are a big distraction

I see students who will text another student to meet them in the bathroom. Then the students are in there for some time talking to each other when they both should be in class. I agree that cell phones do not belong in the classroom. It has been found that they use them to cheat on their work. The exception would be if a student is diabetic and they use the phone to watch their numbers, then it should be allowed to be with them at all times.

students should only be allowed to use phones in emergency situations. Never during instructional time.

I think this is a much needed policy, I'm in the classrooms and many students are on their playing game, watching videos, looking up pictures, and texting.  
Very few take calls from their parents.

My child will have their phone incase of an emergency. With how crazy things have gotten they need it iffy incase forbid something happens. They will need to get ahold of us:

Honestly feels wrong. Will lead to rebelling. Staff will bully kids to hand over phones and use it as a power trip. As someone who used music as a way of escape from school at school I would hate for anyone to take that away from me so I think it's wrong to take that away from kids.

it is a good idea

They are a HUGE distraction!! We definitely need a new policy

This should have been implemented a long time ago.

I think it's a good idea to restrict the use of electronics during school hours/ in campus.

We saw our smallest number of parent teacher conferences needed when we enforced a no cell phones on their persons rule. They could be left in their backpack or lockers, but were not to be out or visible on the student. It was amazing. They are an addicted distraction. I strongly support this change! However there also needs to be strong backing with enforcement and or discipline.

I as a parent I'm guilty a text to my daughter while she's at school. I also don't have an issue if she had to keep her phone put away and not answer me until she is at lunch or after school . I do want her to be able to have her phone in her bag since she walks home from school

It will be difficult for staff to enforce.

I think the students should be allowed to used their phones during break. I agree that they should be off and put away during class however.

I agree that students should not be able to use their cell phones during class time, but I feel that students should be allowed to use their phones during passing and especially during lunch. I check in with my children during lunch time, and I think that students should be able to check in with their parents during lunch, also. Restricting phone usage during lunch time is not a good idea.





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Have phones turn off completely during school hours, but also allow parents to call the office to pass on messages to a student if needed. When my son gets grounded at home and gets his phone taken away(for a month), he interacts more with us and also noticed he's not so moody. I agree, it will help them connect with one another and stay focused in school.

I absolutely this this should be done!

I personally think having the service jammers at the school shouldn't even be a thing. If something happens at school then my children should able to reach me by phone unrestricted no matter what.

I think it should be restricted. It distracts from learning.

In the lower grade, I agree with you but in high school as long as you're doing your work and not bother nobody. And I'm not caught texting or playing on their phone I think they should be able to have them and I think all kids should have them that have to walk back-and-forth the school even if they have to turn them in when they get to school and pick them up when they leave there's. A lot of predators out here. You gotta take that in consideration we got a lot of kids that walk out here on the street

I think this is crucial to a child's education. It needs to be left on silent, or off, and in their backpack

Cell phones should not be allowed to be used at school. If a parent needs to reach their child they need to do it the proper way by calling the school. If it is an emergency then the parent should show up at the school.

Students should be allowed to have their cell phone with them during the school day but powered off and put away unless explicitly expressed by the teacher(s) that they are okay to use during class time. Cell phones can be a useful tool when used appropriately in class. Disciplinary action should be taken for students using their device during class time when not allowed but devices should NEVER be withheld from students overnight as most parents work well before and past school hours which do not allow them to retrieve the taken device in a timely manner. Students at the end of the day should be allowed to retrieve their devices had they been taken away during the school day.

I think them not having it during class is one thing, but on their lunch and between classes is another. Especially with high school, this is where children learn how to start acting like an adult. If we treat them like babies.... we are setting them up for failure

Stop restricting students access to computers to access campus portals for assignments. My student uses his phone(not in class) to access his assignments when he gets denied use of the computers which is often. If use of electronics gets taken away he won't be able to see what he needs to grab before heading home. Phones are already not allowed in class and not allowed on their person so why make it harder for students to access work.

This question has no data to back up why this change is necessary. Therefore, I cannot formulate an opinion.



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A policy heavily restricting the use of cell phones will not be beneficial to students. Most students use their phones for things such as listening to music throughout the day, while this is may be seen as a distraction, teachers have the option to have them remove the headphones being used. Students will start resenting the school if this happens which may lead to increased fights as well as arguments with staff which is not beneficial to a learning environment. There is nothing wrong with the current cell phone policy as many students use their phones for productive things such as taking pictures of questions that need to be answered on blank paper or instructions that are only shown on a slideshow in class.

As long as if something happens they can use it.

Absolutely in disagreement on a new policy. What about medical devices like CGM and insulin pump delivery systems that are controlled and monitored on a mobile device. Are you paying the outrageously high cost to replace them? Have you even taken that information into account. Phones aren't the problem in classrooms or schools.

During an emergency I do not trust the school to communicate appropriately.

I disagree- the teenagers that finish their work early in class should be able to utilize their phones.

Restricting phones during the school day would be beneficial for students, and render the best learning and social environment.

Yes I believe students use of cell phones should be limited during school hours. Cell phones are very distracting and the students should be focused on their school work.

I feel they need them in case of emergency at all times.but should not use them for entertainment during class.

I want my som to have access to his phone through out the day. I do not want it restricted.

I think they should be allowed to have them just not allowed on them but I should be able to get a hold of my child in between class or lunch if need or in emergency

I don't agree with it all

I feel no use during instructional time in class is appropriate, however use during social periods such a lunch should be permitted.

This is what we already enforce with our child it works just fine. Others should follow

The students should be allowed cell phone use

I think the children need to be partly responsible for choosing appropriate times to use the phones if they have them. If they prove that they are unable to be productive, I can see taking their phone away and progressing from there. It is part of developing into responsible citizens and the distraction will be there for life, they need to learn now when to best use them or when to put them away to focus.



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Kids don't need a phone they go to school to learn and interact not take pics and be on social media they need something from parents use the school office phone

I think they should be allowed during lunch.

May help cut down on bullying or kids recording other kids

At our middle school students are encouraged to take pictures of the boards to know what assignments are due...having a policy like this will make it so they cannot due so.

I do believe the phones distract the kids too much during the school hours between texting, games, social media, taking pictures/videos and etc. I believe limiting the devices will really hope

This should not be started in the middle of the year. This is something that should be started at the beginning of a New Year. Don't bother with trying it in the middle of this year. You guys are f\*\*\*\*\* idiots. Get out of your f\*\*\*\*\* lazy a\*\* And teach the students.

I agree!!!

Students should have access to their phones. Why isolate children from families?!? My son asked his teacher to call me she refused he had a autism melt down due to this! If h had his phone he could call himself. If this passes alot of parents will pull our students from Nye county

If students are unable to have their phones/electronics on and ready to use then ALL school staff should also not be able to have phone/electronics as well. I have seen many staff phone in hand, texting or on a phone call on campus.

I went to Pahrump valley high school not too long ago and this was standard, not sure when or why that changed?

If students are unable to have their phones/electronics on and ready to use then ALL school staff should also not be able to have phone/electronics as well. I have seen many staff phone in hand, texting or on a phone call on campus.

Schools refuse to send messages to the classroom, it's stated on the automated answering machine. Phones are needed in case of emergency. Phones are used for GPS tracking of our students.

This is just a way to not have to hold staff accountable in this day and age students should have access to their phones for safety and security reasons just as the general public are allowed to film interactions with police officers students should have the ability to record teachers



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I agree kids shouldn't be able to use their phones whenever when they are at school, but I disagree with the idea of them having to put them in their backpacks. Only because not only my son but eight other kids that I know of had have stuff stolen from their backpacks. My son had his \$70 headphones stolen from his backpack, and the school didn't do anything about it. My son has a phone for emergencies and when he needs to get in direct contact with me and seeing how Rosemary Clarke has a few rogue staff members that like to do as they please such as look under the stalls in the bathrooms to look at the students with the excuse they smell "marijuana" or searching students without consent from them or their parents I would like my son to have his phone. Not only that, but the bullying at that school is out of control, and the school can't even watch these kids well enough to even stop all the fights that happen at that school. I honestly believe that should be the top priority over kids being on their phones at lunch or here and there at school. We should probably work on better education for these kids and have a staff that actually give a damn and help these kids and not ignoring them when they are asking for help.

That is a good idea

I believe our children should have their phones on them from freshman and up. From there they should understand the responsibility and importance of learning. If they do not I suggest taking said child's phone and contacting their parents without any warnings, though I also suggest worrying about the amount of drug use. Most kids go to the restroom to vape, nobody goes for their phone at this point. Take that into recommendationz

I think it be good for the kids to not have there phones. They record each other at school without permission and send jokes etc making fun of and or bullying students.

Not in favor

I believe that cell phones should not be allowed in school. This disrupts the learning and they should be taken out of the schools.

I feel like middle school should be able to have there phones but just have them power off. The high school should be able to keep the phones on and elementary shouldn't have phones at all

I agree that students should not be using their cell phones during class time. However, I feel that they should be allowed to have their phone in their bag on silent so that if a family member needs to reach the child they can. I personally have had issues getting messages to my students by going through the office staff and prefer to send a quick communication through text that they can get during their break time. I feel students should be able to briefly check their phone for messages during passing period and lunch break.

Only is student have medical history diabetic and have to have their phone to monitor their blood sugar

It doesn't make sense



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I think it would be a great idea to have more restrictions on the use of cell phones, but I don't think they should be powered off. Just in case of an emergency so they can be easy access and so students don't have to wait for the phone to turn on completely. I think students should turn their notifications off and keep their phones on the teachers desk. If the teachers allow students to have their cellphones out they should check if the student has all work completed. Having no cellphones at lunch would have students going and sneaking them anyways, also for us kids who have no one to talk to and who have social anxiety would feel uncomfortable to just sit their without a distraction for 30 minutes. Therefore I think students should only be restricted cell phones during class time because lunch is a break from the work we have to do everyday for several hours.

I understand that cell phones can decrease productivity at times, but it is been ingrained into our daily lives, including school and It would be a large issue to prohibit them. I have a couple classes which require us to take pictures at times and although we can do it on our Chromebook, it's a major inconvenience and just easier to do it on our phones and then share it to ourselves. In a different class, our curriculum is completely online and the app on our phone is a lot more user-friendly than the website on a computer. Also, the students that are more involved in the school or have more extracurricular activities use their phones throughout the day for communication purposes and homework, it's basically a mini computer instead of having to pull out a computer every class and sign into it just to do what is necessary for us to be successful. I also understand that there are a lot of people who graduated without ever having a cell phone, but we also live in a different time where technology is all around us, and it has become part of our daily lives, so why would we want to take away what we need to be successful every single day.

We should let students at least have their phone in their pocket? At rcms, we can't even use our phones, so this is nothing new. But aren't we able to use it? Sure, it's a distraction, but is it really? Teachers can say if they want phones in their class or not. But at lunch? unreasonable.

I agree that restricting the use of cell phones during class is important, but lunch is supposedly a break from the learning environment. Cellphones should be allowed to be used during lunch and in-between classes. Personally, I have doctors and other medical professionals contacting me during the day, and I answer them during lunch and while walking to my next class. If this policy were to take place, I would have to ignore my medical needs to adhere to this.

Unnecessary and shouldn't even be an option

It is a severely horrible idea. With the world we live in today, I would not feel safe going to school.

what if my mom or dad call me and some like got hurt and i wont no in im in school

It's bad.

The restriction is a violation of privacy.



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I think that it is a bad idea because there are some students that have personal or family problems and need to be able to be on their phone to text parents, counselors or other people that can help them with the family or personal problems, plus the students with medical issues need their phones to check blood sugar, blood pressure and other stuff that their devices can help with. Phones are not a problem in schools, its the people who use them when their instructed not to.

It may be helpful for some kids but most kids do not want to be around others. This is due to them constantly getting made fun of no matter what. Before the phones, and their phones may be their only way to not have to interact with them as much. I say that we allow them at lunch and allow to let the teachers choose if they want their class to use phones or not. This way it allows the teachers to control their own class enviroment. But I suggest keeping them, maybe not at breakfast or something but otherwise if you do remove them, please let us atleast use it at lunch. Its our only free area away from classes. A half hour to relax and not have to worry about class. Which kids still do to be honest.

I am a student and typically I am on top of my school work, using my phone to listen to music is very crucial while I am working, I respect when my teachers do not want me listening to music in class and most of the time when I am on my phone in class is to either google something, or I have free time because I have finished my work.

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I don't want to be immediately robbed from my phone if I forget to put it in my backpack and it is important to have phones since there are threats of school shootings more often.

Should not be done!!!

there are too many variables to both sides of restrictions and freedom, theres kinda no point to change it when it really isn't an issue, if we were learning efficiently then we could have some sort of policy, but currently, thats not happening

Truthfully, I do not feel that forcing parents to call the school office is conducive to the environment. Should there be an emergency within that student's family that, for example, does not require them to be pulled from class but should have the student informed about, I would not be able to trust my school administrators to communicate that to me, whether it be thoroughly or accurately. It would be easier for my family to send me a message directly explaining the situation, rather than going through the extra steps.

while yes some students use their phones too much through the day, it is not a problem all students have and not everyone should be punished for it. what if something happens and students need to contact parents? what if there is a shooting and a student cannot tell their loved ones that they love them? there are too many reasons a student should be able to have their phone with them and the phone be accessable.



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i think there isn't a real need for this policy as teachers are mostly able to keep it under control and in my time here i have yet to see phone usage escalate beyond a light reprimandation.

I need to be able to contact my parents in case of an emergency, I won't be able to find out about something that happens to in my family until after school. During a real lock down, They won't allow me to contact my parents in case of anything. Cyber bullying has nothing to do about the school, parents should be watching over their kids and what they do on social media. Those kids know that what they're doing is wrong and clearly that's a conversation needing to be able between that child and their parents about what is right and what is wrong. It should be up to the teacher whether they don't mind their students using their phone in class. The students should respect if those teachers do not like their students on their phones.

I believe that banning phones is not the solution to this problem. Teachers should have their own rules about how they feel on phones being used in their classroom. Students feel unsafe at this school and without our phones but what is that going to do? A student had to call a cop after a fight because the own staff can't stop it. The school is too worried about things such as phones but don't talk about how racist most of these kids at this school are. Most staff at this school isn't even actual teachers, they're all long term subs. There was an actual teacher who was a sex offender because they don't do back ground checks. There is going to be so much more problems now with this new policy then there was before.

As a student in this community, there are kids who by law are supposed to be allowed to take a breather and use their phones. There are deaf kids who can only communicate with their phones because not everyone knows sign language. There is barely any service in this school in the first place so there's not much we can do but play games and listen to music. Which actually helps students focus with their school work. It actually helps them other then distracting them. Teachers should have their own rules for their classroom about the phones. Taking away our phones are just making us feel more unsafe then we already do. For example, a students had to call the cops because staff couldn't stop a fight between 2 students. Another example, during a real lockdown which we've had in the past actually happen. We couldn't even contact our parents then because there is no service in most of the classes in the first place. Some of the kids with special needs actually use ipads when over stimulated. What about the kids with 504 plans?

I think that we should still be able to use our cell phones. Every teacher has their own cell phone policies in their classroom, whether you can have it out, just listen to music, or no cell phones at all. And a lot of students have attention problems, or just can't focus without music. And I know some teachers play "relaxing" music, but to me their music is more distracting, so I just listen to my music and I'm fine. And yes I understand that some students are constantly texting or watching videos on their phones and not paying attention, but that is not all students. So if your main concern is that students aren't paying attention or doing what you say because of their phones, than make use of our current rules and send their phone to the office or create similar rules.



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I support taking the usage of cellphones during active instructive hours, however not the day as a whole. If students are not able to have a break from the people around them, its very likely fights will break out and tensions will be built. Plus- people with noise sensitivities are unable to block out their environment with music.. A school setting can be very overstimulating and overwhelming. I Say phone usage should be determined by the teachers, and each individual class and not the district as a whole

depending on weather the teacher is actually teaching and the student is finished with their work, i think that it should be allwd for the students to freely use their electronics.

I completely understand not being able to use a phone in the classroom, however I think that not being able to use them during lunch should be reconsidered. Maybe something you could do is give the students the privilege of using their cell phones during lunch until they do something to get that taken away. Rather than punishing all the students, the student(s) could turn their cell phones into the office during lunch and come pick them up when lunch is over and put them in their bags.

I support restrictions on personal electronics as it is a huge distraction to student learning. However, all safety measures needs to be taken to make sure classrooms have multiple forms of communication (class phone, teacher personal phone, updated intercom system, etc) in case of an emergency such as medical issue, lockdown, etc.

why cant we use are phones your just taking are one free right in this school are one thing that keeps us threw the day just cuz some kids were doing something bad mean the hole school gets to go down its so easy to call the parents and tell them to have there kids not bring it your making this place a prison school is a happy place for kids this is just a hell hold come on think for the kids you guys are all bad people 100% this school sucks

We cannot provide safety for our students. Students need their phones to call 911 without powering their phone up from their backpack. Seconds matter.

This is our current policy at Rosemary Clarke Middle School. This is not new to us and it has been much better this year. Students know they are not to be on their phones during the school day. They know they are not to have wireless earbuds. We have all made this very clear. I am sure some students still sneak on their phones, however I have confiscated a lot few this year than in the past. It is working here. I also make sure I adhere by this rule as well as a role model. I have my phone on my desk, but it is on silent and only used in an emergency situation. I feel this is very important as a role model to my students that they see that I am not on my phone.





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I am a retired teacher from NCSD. I have been substitute teaching in Arizona to keep myself busy. In the Gilbert Unified School District there is a "No Cell, Bell to Bell" policy and it is SO nice to sub here. The students actually DO socialize with each other in a healthy face to face manner. I have never had to ask a student more than once to put their phone away, and 99% of the time, not a single student even has a phone out. The kids here seem happier, are kinder, and are more respectful.

Please institute the policy for our kids!

I think this should have happened years ago. Cell phones in student hands at school are nothing but a distraction to the learning environment.

This will be difficult to enforce initially (especially at Middle and High School) but I'm confident that it will help our students in the long run.

When current policy isn't being followed by classroom teachers, how does the district expect to follow through with this policy? The already strapped resources will be overwhelmed with enforcing this policy. The reality is that some teachers will enforce it and some won't; just like it is now. Maybe the district should focus on getting the individual schools supported in getting their staff to follow current policies and procedures before instituting yet another thing to monitor.

This would definitely help with keeping their minds focused.

Even at the elementary level, we occasionally have an issue with students having phones out and misusing them at school. I do agree that we need to take a stricter stance district-wide. Phones are such a distraction to the learning environment; anything we can do to limit their use is a step in the right direction.

Amen!

Yes please! Even the PK-2 kids are coming to school with cell phones and and misusing them during the day(the watches are a big problem too-can those get included or something written for those at some point too please). It's even worse in emergencies with the way they are used and then students put everyone at risk with more panic and more information out than is necessary and professionals like the police cannot do their jobs. It also causes unnecessary panic during an emergency.

I couldn't agree more with the reasons and concerns stated in the email received. However, I feel that for a new policy restricting possession & usage will only be as good as the site administrator whom either does or does not enforce it - without exception!

The clause about allowing students to keep cell phones in their backpacks is understandable. It will be what parents most likely will settle on, but it puts us right back to where we are today. Kids will still take the phones out at school. I don't know what the answer is besides a total campus ban, but parents won't agree.



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Cell phones are a distraction to the learning environment. I believe that a policy to limit their use during the instructional day is something that is beneficial. However, there can be a number of issues with doing this. I think it is something that should be carefully thought through before a plan is implemented.

Students should not be allowed to have cell phones turned on during the instructional day. We already have students sneaking cell phones into the restrooms and texting or calling home to be picked up by parents when they do not want to be at school. Students with cell phones or smart watches can cheat on high stakes tests which gives them an unfair advantage over students who are not using devices as intended.

I think the current cell phone policy at PVHS is appropriate- The issue is parents and follow through.

I believe that this will make students more likely to skip school. There must be some classroom management of these devices so that they can stay focused on the learning. Yet, an entire ban on cell phone usage doesn't make sense to me.

Just as the younger grades teach students social emotional skills and executive functioning skills- older students need to learn ways to stay focused despite these distractions they will undoubtedly have to manage as adults.

I understand that as teachers we feel like we shouldn't HAVE to teach these things... we have curriculum and standards to teach, but the reality is that we are the only ones that WILL.

Hell ya. They don't need them!

Students need to learn how to self regulate. It is not the responsibility of the school district to enforce this policy. The responsibility falls on the parent. In fact, there are numerous studies that prove that parents are the main issue with cell phones disrupting student learning over any other factor. Additionally, cyberbullying will occur regardless of this policy as it is not limited to school hours. Proper classroom management and clear rules and expectations are far more effective. Allow our students to learn how to function with restrictions instead of complete elimination. Lastly, the issue will still continue if phones are allowed at all, powered off or not, as our students and parents do not respect school rules as there is little consistency and few consequences. This is just one more thing to regulate and manage, which means that there will be fewer resources to focus on drug, alcohol, and nicotine abuse, other minor behaviors, tardies, trancies, etc. Maybe when school administration has the other issues under control can they then address the inconvenience of cell phones. Teachers need to learn how to build relationships and manage their classrooms first. Oh, the circus that will be created if this district takes this insignificant issue on.

A lot of class time is being used to monitor cell phone usage, even with the current rules. A restriction would be beneficial.



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This survey is part of the problem. There should just be a directive: no cell phone or electronic device use during school hours. Period. All teachers & all administrators have to follow the directive. If the phone is out, it's confiscated and returned to the student one time at the end of the day. The 2nd time, the parent has to pick it up. Too many adults in the system are just afraid of holding students and their parents accountable. It works in MANY districts across the country. Period.