


Should cell phones be allowed in school?

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- **Yes cellphones should be allowed in school**

I think cell phones should be allowed in school because if you forget something at home you could call your parents to bring it to school. Like when you forget your homework. Also when your staying at school and you forget to tell your parents that your staying at school, and or you want to go somewhere after school to hang out with your friends.

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- **Cell phones allow students to call for help.**

You should have a cell phone because what happens if some accident happens to you? You would have to call for help if there was an earthquake or there is a shooting. You would also need to call your parents if someone didn't to pick you up so they could come get you.

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- **Yes they should be allowed**

Since they are needed to contact parents and for all I care (I'm a student) play temple run in class. Its all we are going to do anyways. So we might as well let them be in school. And some days, its the only thing that keeps you awake. Like sometimes you are tired check a text, and get excited because your crush said yes or something

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- **Cell phones can be used to search**

Schools often don't have enough computers to go around, so why shouldn't kids with cell phones be able to use theirs? It would let others use the technology available, so that there is enough to go around. Cell phones are technology of this century, with new responsibilities. Kids should learn how to harness this new method of learning to power our species forward.

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- **What if something happened?**

Some kids work better with their music and so they have their phones for that reason. What if something bad were to happen and they couldn't get to a phone right then, so something bad then happened to them? If they were to have a phone chances of something bad happening are less likely.

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- **Phones should be allowed scenario**

Yesterday your best friend broke up with his girlfriend, you want to comfort him, but not over Facebook, so you tell him you'll talk to him today... but today he isn't here. You desperately want to text him to see if he's ok, but the school simply doesn't tolerate students that have phones in classrooms... so you have wait until breaktime. The bell rings and you sprint for your locker.

You finally make it, unzip your bag and reach for your phone. You have 47 unread messages and 10 missed calls... from your best friend... that's not here today. You quickly look it over and quickly realise you're friend is about to suicide; he is very depressed and texts to you that nobody likes him, he has family problems that nobody can understand.

Your eyes zoom over the texts as your mind is frantically trying to make sense of the situation. You accidentally slide too quickly and your eyes are glued to the last 3 texts 'I don't want to die' 'You don't care about me' 'I'm jumping'.

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- **Cell phones can be useful to students.**

Cell phones should be allowed because they are useful to students. If a student does not ride the bus, he or she can call family members to pick them up to get a ride home. Cell phones can also be useful in school because they can allow students to look up things on the internet.

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- **Yes, because cell phones can be useful to students.**

As in the case of an emergency, a cell phone can be very useful to contact family members or the authorities. In the schools case, it would help in studying and researching alone. There is even an program in which students can bring their phone or tablet to school to use for educational purposes.

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- **Cell phones should be allowed in school for emergency purposes.**

In many cases, a kid should have a phone. They would be able to contact their parents in case of an emergency. They would also be able to tell you if they have detention or going to a friends house. Most parents should let kids have phones but never too early.

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- **They can be used for studying and taking notes.**

I think cell phones would be good to study and take notes on different classes. It would save money from computers because everyone with a smartphone could just use his or her phone. They would also be good for emergencies, but they must be turned off during tests, or students will be punished.

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- **Cell phones could increase cheating.**

If a student decides to bring his or her cell phone to school, there is a possibility that they would use it in class while no one knows. Then, once they get used to doing that, they will start texting while they take a test. This can cause a big increase in cheating.

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- **No, I disagree because a cell phone is a misnomer.**

Making calls is one function a "smart" phone can perform. The point of school is in part to socialize the child and to contextualize information. A phone may give access, but usually it is a teacher how interprets and breaks down information for the student. School and learning often times requires long spans of undivided attention. Do you

really think a child has the wisdom needed to use a phone properly? More often, they use it to play around, for mere entertainment. Though entertainment is important, school is primarily meant to educate. A phone often times just causes an unnecessary distraction. I work with children on a daily basis and many of them use phones for mere social purposes, such as to perpetuate gossip amongst themselves, to take pictures with friends and to make videos of themselves dancing. I'm not opposed to these uses, but during school hours they should be focused on learning. So many of them can't read and those who can have a hard time sifting through information. No one's life is dependent on a student having a phone, except perhaps in very few cases, and not enough to justify having them a cell phone during school hours.

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- **Cell phones should be allowed in schools without teachers taking away personal property.**

As a student, I think it is very important for students to be allowed to use their cell phones. Cell phones can help students get a lot of important information. Also in my school there is only one phone for a school with over 1,000 students. If there were to be an emergency, the time that it takes 1,000 students to call their parents is a waste of time. It would be a lot easier to just call your parents from your own cell phone. Also I think that students should be allowed to use their phones if they need to contact their parents to know where to pick them up and what time. Another reason why students should be able to use their phones during a regular school day with out it being taken away is because if a student is absent during a class, a quick text or call to explain the work that they missed would help them get the work in on time.

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- **No they should not**

I am doing a research project on this topic and most say yes. I say no because of the chance of murder because of during a lock down crazed the made man or women could find the sound of the phone and kill or take the children hostage. And who needs to call there family during class?

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- **Cell Phones can be Deadly.**

"Ring ring." Cell phones are an unstoppable force and they should not be used in the classroom. What can we do? Well, there are many things we can do when a cell phone is found on a student. The phone will be confiscated and a phone home will be required. The child doesn't need a cell phone, the school has one in almost every room. Cell phones even interfered with a test. One kid in Texas took a picture of a test and printed them out and sold them. Suite101.com says that phones can detonate real bombs. If there's anyone who can defend against that do so because I would like to see you try. Cell phones have now gone from a call home to cheating on tests too putting kids life in danger.

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- **why cell phones are bad**

The consequences of cell phone use

Cell phones are a source of electromagnetic fields, radiation which creates change in anything it comes into contact with. EMFs emanate from mobile phones and because of how phones are used, these EMFs come into direct contact with the brain.

More than a dozen studies have linked using a cell phone for a long period of time -- ten years or more -- with a higher incidence of brain tumors and acoustic neuromas. These critical diagnoses are even more common when phones aren't switched from one side of the head to the other when engaged in conversation.

Other adverse health effects include:

- Evidence of leukemia, breast cancer and other cancers.
- Neurological concerns and changes in the nervous system.
- A much higher risk of salivary gland tumors.

Supporting studies

A study from the Medical University of Graz in Austria showed that cell phone use negatively affects sperm quality in men. A similar study from 2009 examined men in the height of their reproductive years and found infertility and the ability to father a healthy baby were compromised by cell phone usage.

Cells phones are also a source of perfluorooctanoic acid, a harmful chemical which has been linked to heart disease, cancer and female reproductive/developmental damage.

Cell phones are not the only problem. Cell phone towers, as well as other wireless devices, are responsible for contributing non-ionizing radio frequencies into the environment. Both the World Health Organization and the International Association for Research on Cancer have classified the electromagnetic fields emitted by cell phones as a 2B, possible carcinogen. The towers and the phones themselves are constantly emitting microwave radiation. Even when cell phones are not in use they are putting out EMFs.

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- **Damages brain cells**

I saw on the Internet that the brain cells can get damaged because of the radiation they give off that damages the brain. The brain cells can't take the wave so they break. Plus we are losing personal contact because we text, e-mail, call, and don't go outside, we're becoming couch potatoes.

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- **Why not allow pets too in this case.**

Let alone allowing cell phones in school...the fact that it isn't allowed already is not enough to stop pupils using their phones anyway. If phones were allowed, the teachers will be talking to 1 or 2 students only as the rest will be either on the web, viewing pictures or even texting a friend...and you never know you might also see students calling their fellow student friend who is having a class next door.... I am sure they are not stupid enough to allow cell phones in schools.

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- **No**

No, cell phones should not be allowed in school. I think that they are a huge distraction and interfere with the students' learning. While students may not make phone calls while in class, they can still sneak and text., which gets in the way of doing what they are in school to do - learn.

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