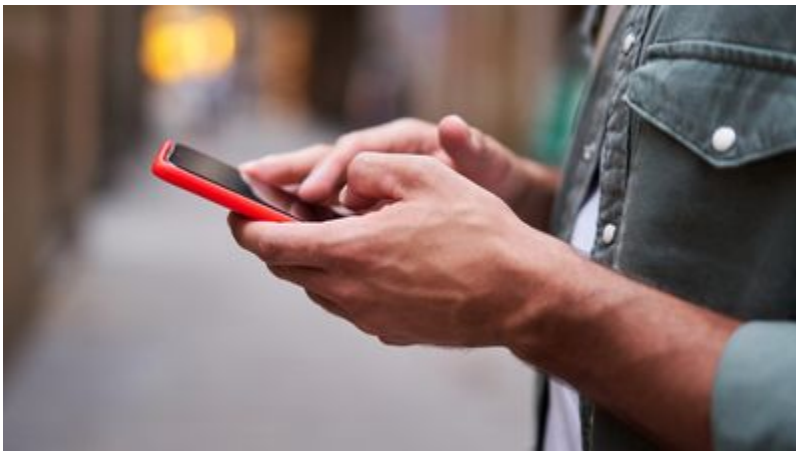
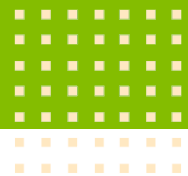




Viewpoints

Students Weigh In on Cell Phone Bans at School



Many students have mixed feelings about cell phone use at school. On one hand, many appreciate the convenience and connectivity that cell phones provide. They find it easier to keep in touch with their parents, manage their schedules, and access educational resources on the go. For instance, students can quickly look up information online, use educational apps, and collaborate with classmates through messaging and social media platforms. The ability to have their phone on hand also provides a sense of security, knowing they can reach out for help in case of an emergency.

On the other hand, some students acknowledge that cell phones can be a significant distraction in the classroom. The temptation to check social media, play games, or text friends during lessons can detract from their focus and engagement in academic activities. Additionally, there are concerns about the potential for cyberbullying and the pressure to constantly be online. As a result, some students support policies that limit cell phone use during school hours, believing that such measures can help create a more conducive



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learning environment. Balancing these perspectives, students often seek a compromise that allows for responsible use of technology while minimizing its potential drawbacks.

Will I be allowed to bring my phone to school? Will it be somehow locked up? Can my access to social media platforms really be blocked? How will I reach my parents?

These are the questions L.A. public school students want to know after the Los Angeles school board approved a cellphone ban this week that will take effect in January 2025. The details of the policy will be worked out in the coming months, but students will be prohibited from using their phones during school hours, including lunch and breaks.

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