

# Cell Phones Should NOT Be Allowed on School Campus

Thesis

Middle School students agree that cell phones should not be allowed on school grounds. Keeping cell phones in school may tempt students to use it for the "wrong reasons". They are also easily lost stolen or broken. Cell phones may end up in the wrong hands of an irresponsible student or could be a classroom distraction.

Reason #1

Reason #2

Projected Plan

Reason #3

Reason #1

First of all, students may choose to use these devices for non-educational purposes. Calculators, cameras and other tools that cell phones contain could help students cheat on tests and assignments. Some children may not be able to resist playing games on the cell phone while on campus. Students may also "prank" call fellow students for amusement during school hours. They may even feel compelled to text message their friends during class. This means that, when students are supposed to be learning, they could be getting in trouble.

Example and Elaborations

Reason #2

Secondly, these valuable items could be lost on campus. For example, a cell phone could fall out a backpack, purse or pocket which may result in the item being lost or broken. Other pupils might also be tempted to take such a device.

Examples and Elaborations

Reason #3

Finally, cell phones only serve as distractions for students and teachers. When any phone rings, it automatically changes the focus for the people in the room. The focus of our school day should be learning, not answering phone calls. If a cell phones rings, buzzes or lights up during instruction, the teacher would obviously have to reprimand the student which will distract the entire class.

Examples and Elaborations

Counter Argument

Some might argue that cell phones should be allowed on campus in case of unexpected situations. They may feel that students should have access to such devices in case of emergencies or unanticipated changes in after school plans. However, it must be acknowledged that there are phones available in most classrooms and in the school's office.

Counter to the counterargument #1

Restated Thesis

Most middle school students concur that cell phones should not be tolerated on school property. There is no instructional purpose for these expensive objects. The risk of such a device getting lost, stolen or broken is very high and interruptions cause unnecessary loss of instructional time. The next time you consider bringing a cell phone to school, think about the consequences of this action.

Restated Reasons/Projected Plan

Counter (#1) to the counterargument #2

Concluding Sentence

Counter (#2) to the counterargument #2