

Cell Phone Use Student Feedback

Middle School: Cell Phone Policies 75% of the students were not too pleased with the cell phone policies. They believed they should be able to have their phones out in the open and not be punished for it. They do not think it is fair to keep their phones in their lockers. Most students backed up their preference to have their phones immediately accessible with safety concerns. They want to be able to communicate with their parents in case of an emergency. Some said they concentrate better with music. They wanted to be able to listen to music during work time or project time. Students felt that there were inconsistencies in cell phone policy enforcement. Each teacher has their own rules and applies them to certain students differently. Some students suggested being allowed to listen to music during lunch, in between classes and at the end of the day while waiting for pick-up. Students suggested cell phones to do research during class assignments. The students who do not have cell phones didn't care much about having a more lenient cell phone policy.

High School: The students liked the cell phone policy. They like that they can use their phone in between class. They mentioned that some of the teachers do not want to fight about phone usage. They allow students to use phones during class. Some students voiced concerns about how other students abuse the privilege by playing games or streaming movies and shows. The students want to have autonomy but also believe in personal accountability. They believe that whether or not students succeed is their responsibility and, if they fail, they should pay the consequence. Some students want the phone usage in class to be a privilege for students who are not well. They feel it is important for them to be able to communicate with their family in case of an emergency. Some students gave examples of shooting incidents that have happened at different schools throughout the country. Under such a circumstance, they want to be able to talk to their family.

Superintendent's Note: The enforcement of cell phone use Policy has not been consistent from school to school. In my opinion we need to change/ update the Policy and then implement it consistently.