

Should Smartphones be Allowed in School?

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Nowadays, smartphones have a wide range of functions like texting, taking pictures, recording videos, playing games, surfing on the Internet etc. Owning a smartphone is like a basic need. There have been a lot of arguments about whether smartphones should be allowed in school. There are plenty of reasons to applaud why smartphones should not be allowed in school.

In the first place, if smartphones are allowed in school, students may get distracted by their smartphones as notifications will constantly go off. If a smartphone is near you, you will look at it without even realizing. Sometimes after checking what's going on, you may watch a few more minutes and more. Students may get distracted for a long period of time without even realizing it. The information from their teachers will just become background noise. It seems like they are listening but actually, they are just learning without remembering or memorizing it. Besides, students will have games on their smartphones. After passing a level, they will think about passing another level and so on and so forth. They are just wasting a huge amount of time. Sometimes when they finally realize the lesson is about to finish, they notice that they have not learnt anything.

Besides, it is disrespectful to the teachers. While they are teaching and talking to students, most of the students are on their phones. When one kid is watching or

playing games, even if that kid watches or plays it silently, there will always be someone else who is watching and not be able to stop looking. The teacher is trying to teach the students, but they just look at their phone and not even try to listen to the teacher.

Furthermore, having smartphones increases the chance of students doing bad things. Nowadays, kids love to pull pranks. Kids may hide their classmate's smartphone somewhere else, which makes the student worry and not pay attention in class.

Moreover, having smartphones allowed in school may make students suffer from peer pressure. If the student has the latest smartphone, when others see it, they may think that they are not good enough and feel depressed. Some may even want to steal it.

What's more, some students said that the purpose of bringing smartphones is to contact their parents about whether they have arrived at the school safely. However, it only takes a few minutes to contact their parents, and the reality is they use plenty of time to play games on the smartphones at school. This shows that the main reason for bringing smartphones to school is not for contacting their parents, but to play with them.

To sum up, we can see that if smartphones are allowed in school, students can be distracted, be disrespectful and do bad things. Therefore, I think that smartphones should not be allowed in school.