

Many different types of technology have been invented in the past couple of years such as, iPads, smart phones, and artificial intelligence (AI). A divide has started in society as to whether tech can be good or bad for the human population, with more and more people leaning toward it being bad. Some downfalls of technology can be the overwhelming amount of screen time. Medical studies are showing that looking at a screen for hours a day is bad for mental as well as physical health. The world is very dependent on phones and many people have to have their phones near them at all times, even when they are doing simple tasks that do not require cellular devices . People depend on certain apps such as the clock app, or the calendar app . Humans also rely heavily on social media. To keep in contact with friends and co workers such as, Snapchat, Instagram, TikTok, Texting, Calling or Facebook. Although cell phones have downfalls they can be a useful tool for students, many resources that phones have access to have been invented in the past couple of years to help students in the classroom. There are text to speech apps to help students who have difficulty reading, there are editing apps that help develop writing skills, and there are translation apps which are very beneficial to students who are new to a country with a different language. While many people think phones are not beneficial and create a distraction, it is not true. Phones can be great tools for school. Specifically, use as an academic aid, helping with focus, and use for emergencies all graphically demonstrate why cell phones should be allowed in school.

The first area to discuss when looking at why cellphones should be allowed in schools is that they can be used as an academic aid. Everyday teens from across the

world ranging from thirteen to seventeen, use their phones daily. This becomes relevant when they're used in school as there are lots of ways that they can be helpful to students across many different types of classes. One area is that of time management as cellphones can be used to help students organization through calendars and reminder apps. For example, students can, "Keep track of your schedule and share it with others using calendar. Create different calendars for different courses. With this comes multiple ways to access, you can change anything without the worry of losing anything" (Apple Developer of Calender app). Clearly it is obvious how these apps are good for keepings student organized and prepared which is why cell phones should be allowed in school. In addition to time management benefits, phones can also be used for research purposes in school. For instance, if a class doesn't have enough chromebooks, students can use their phones to research the specific topics for the intended assignment. Obviously, students should be able to use their phones in class as they can help with research where school resources may be lacking. Therefore, it is clearly visible that students should be able to use their phones in class because of the academic benefits they offer.

Along with focus, the final facet as to why cell phones should be accessible on school property is emergencies. Emergencies can take many forms from a student falling ill and needing to get home immediately, to somebody in the family having a medical emergency which requires family members at school to know. If a student was to suffer an injury they could use their phone to notify their parents faster than the school could. For example, a student is hurt in gym class. Instead of waiting for the teacher to

contact the office, which then has to contact the parents, the student can directly contact their parents (and they would know exactly what number to use) to come and get them from school. Clearly its evident how student access to phones in school is a benefit, which makes it necessary. Also, cell phones should be accessible on school property because of personal matters. For instance, if a female student is experiencing a feminine matter, they may not feel as comfortable speaking to a teacher about it. Instead, they can contact home and have their parents phone into school to get them the help they require. Obviously, it is clearly visible how important cell phones can be to students when it comes to matters of a personal issue. Therefore, it is graphically visible how, because of the emergencies that can arise during the school day, important cell phones are and why they must be allowed in school.

In conclusion allowing cell phones in school is obviously a must. Specifically, they should be allowed in schools as they are an academic aid, help with focus, and provide help in an emergency. Cell phones provide students with an academic aid, letting them access websites and the internet for research and to aid in finding topic material. They can also help with focus through using apps like spotify to listen to music or background ambience. The last example is the use of cellphones for emergency contact for medical or otherwise related situations that a student may need someone more personal than a staff member for assistance. Obviously there will be those who say that cell phones don't belong in schools, but after an exhaustive analysis of this issue, its clear that they are wrong.