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2	2025/01/27 4:38:38 PM MST	No	Depends on the language and the consequences	Cell phones are not allowed during instructional time unless approved by the teacher.
3	2025/01/27 4:38:38 PM MST	Yes	A statewide cell phone ban in schools would reduce distractions, improve academic focus, enhance social interaction, and promote a safer, more equitable learning environment, while shifting the responsibility and potential pushback from districts to state legislators.	Cellphones are currently banned at all schools. However, sometimes it is not enforced as I would like.
4	2025/01/27 4:39:52 PM MST	Yes	The research is clear, young brains are being negatively affected by the constant barrage of cell phones. The social media bullying and harassment is out of control. Students just are mature enough to handle them without direct supervision.	We are in the process of banning them during the instructional day at all our schools. We should have a policy adopted next month.
5	2025/01/27 4:41:40 PM MST	Yes	Reduce distractions in the classroom, increase academic focus, minimize cyber-bullying, encourage real-life face-to-face social interaction	None, but they are highly discouraged by teachers
6	2025/01/27 4:43:17 PM MST	Yes	Other states that have done this have seen extensive improvement in student engagement and achievement.	No cell phones allowed at all while on campus. We provide Yonder pouches for students to keep them locked up.
7	2025/01/27 4:47:17 PM MST	Yes	statewide ban from the state level, not directing the districts to develop a ban or policy.	We are piloting a cell phone ban a 6 schools to gather data, cell phones are allowed for instructional purposes only that is determined by the teacher or site admin.
8	2025/01/27 4:50:07 PM MST	Yes	Students will be more engaged in the classroom; students will have less distraction and social media disruption; less cell phone use has decreased discipline issues; less cell phones have likened to better academic performance and student behavior.	Cell phones are not allowed during the school day; we have students secure their phones in a Yondr pouch from the moment they enter the building to the moment they leave. It works quite well.
9	2025/01/27 4:51:40 PM MST	Yes	Use in the classroom, using to cheat and cause of most discipline issues	No cell phones except for at lunch

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10	2025/01/27 4:53:42 PM MST	No	All or nothing is poor planning. Cell phones should be allowed before and after school and at lunch. It teaches responsibility and allows parents to have access...some of our children have parents/granparents who are sick or who have to care for other family members and siblings. In 2025 it doesn't make sense to eliminate all phones...instead, we should enact reasonable boundaries and utilize them like the tools they are. AI isn't going away and students should be able to use their devices for research and investigation in some of their classes. Children who grown up in divorced/separated families often can only access the non-custodial parent using a cellphone so eliminating that is unwise and inequitable. Phones should be kept in pockets or bags during class unless a teacher allows for use in a lesson...otherwise before and after and at lunch. Thank you s	None out during the day or in class but it is not being consistently enforced which is causing a lot of problems and teacher frustration.
11	2025/01/27 4:55:52 PM MST	Yes	I like when we all have the same expectations.	We allow use in hallway, cafeteria but not in classrooms unless the teacher uses it as a tool.
12	2025/01/27 5:00:32 PM MST	Yes	I believe that students need to learn how to actually communicate with one another without the use of social media. Banning cell phone usage in schools is one step in the process.	We don't allow students in grades K-8 to use them and our high school students are only allowed to use them during passing periods.
13	2025/01/27 5:08:16 PM MST	Yes	Cell phones are a distraction in the classroom when not used properly. One drawback to this bill would be those students who either forget to charge their student device or forget to bring their device to school. They rarely do that with their cell phone, so when this occurs we allow them to use their cell phone to engage in student work.	We allow cell phones in the classroom as long as they are used to facilitate student engagement in their school work. We tried banning cell phones at ██████ High School two years ago, but we received backlash from the parents.
14	2025/01/27 5:09:46 PM MST	Yes	They are a big distraction and if it was done at the state level it would take pressure off local districts.	The cellphones must be turned off and stowed away during classtime.
15	2025/01/27 5:10:21 PM MST	Yes	Students are easily accessible to parents via the landlines in classrooms. Cell phones pose an unnecessary distraction to the educational environment.	Currently, phones are allowed outside of classtime (lunch and passing period). We are revising our policy to a no-cellphones-on-campus policy.
16	2025/01/27 5:25:49 PM MST	Yes	refer to the book "The Anxious Generation" Research clearly shows the correlation between screens, social media, and mental health.	No cell phone use in between first and last bells of the day

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17	2025/01/27 6:04:15 PM MST		I understand the want to ban cellphones, but also understand how some teacher use them as an instructional tool.	Students put them up during instruction.
18	2025/01/27 6:06:44 PM MST	Yes	Cell phones are a huge distraction and are a common component of bullying behavior	Limited use
19	2025/01/27 6:20:58 PM MST	No	I don't believe a ban is logical - cell phones likely aren't going anywhere. As a State we ought to be equipped to teach students how and when to use phones appropriately.	Put away/out of sight.
20	2025/01/27 6:35:14 PM MST	Yes	The distraction from learning.	Students must keep their phones in their backpacks or store in a secure location that we have in every classroom.
21	2025/01/27 6:48:30 PM MST	Yes	Would resolve a number of issues in middle schools and high schools during the day. Arranging fights, filming teachers and other students without their permission, etc.	Middle school and elementary must keep them in lockers or backpacks. High students put them in a box on teachers desks. Have access to them during passing periods, during lunch.
22	2025/01/27 7:33:35 PM MST	Yes	Increase student engagement and reduce distraction of learning. Our district has implemented cell phone ban at the middle school and have implemented ban during classroom instruction at the high school. Discipline referrals at the high school have decreased from last year which has been attributed to ban.	No cell phones grades K through 8. No cell phones during instruction at the high school and passing periods. Before school, lunch, and after school high school students can use them.
23	2025/01/27 8:00:52 PM MST	Yes	Children are addicted, they cause anxiety, everyone wants cell phone written into an IEP now due to anxiety. IT IS NOT HEALTHY	We do not allow cell phones. They are locked in a case during the day and students are wanded when they enter. Some get by but for the most part it has been successful. Less bullying on school campus.
24	2025/01/27 8:03:16 PM MST	Yes	This year our middle schools banned cell phones. Thus far we have seen a change in behaviors with our middle school students. Students can have the phones on campus however, if they use their phones then they receive consequences.	We do not have a formal policy in our district.
25	2025/01/27 8:24:17 PM MST	Yes	. Minimizing Distractions Cellphones are a significant source of distraction during instructional time. By banning them, students can better focus on their studies, resulting in improved academic outcomes. Notifications, social media, and texting can divert attention from lessons, reducing engagement and productivity.	No cell phone in the classroom

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26	2025/01/27 8:51:55 PM MST	Yes	It would provide less distraction to learning, students would learn more about how to professionally function in a career	Regulation of devices is under the direction of the teacher
27	2025/01/27 9:16:20 PM MST	No	Local control!!!! If a local board wants to ban them they I support that board but the state steps and tryâ€™s to have too much involvement too often	No cell phones
28	2025/01/27 9:30:38 PM MST	No	Boards already have authority to set policy so if we are supporting local control why are we ceding our local authority to state statute.	Limited academic use with teacher authorization otherwise must be in their locker upexcept for our designated cell use times twice a day
29	2025/01/27 10:29:17 PM MST	No	How would implementation be supported. Would there be funding for implementation supports such as locking bags or secure storage bins? Is this just another unfunded mandate?	No phones during instructional time periods .
30	2025/01/28 6:20:50 AM MST	Yes	We have had versions of no cell phone policy. This years since have banned them and used Yondr bags to lock them up it has been the best yet. STudents still try to sneak their phones but social media issues have decreased significantly at our school during the day and students are actually having face to face conversations.	No cell phones for students during the day from start of school to finish. 1st period teachers make sure they turn them off and lock them in their yondr bags and unlock them when school is out.
31	2025/01/28 6:34:16 AM MST	Yes	Students perform better without the distraction of cell phones.	Students turn in their cell phones at the beginning of the school day and get them back at the end of school.
32	2025/01/28 6:53:55 AM MST	Yes	Cellphones are distracting to our students. They are unable to focus during class as they are more focused on their device and what their peers are doing. Cell phones also create a safety issue when there is an emergency as they are either live streaming or contacting their parent/guardians who then create another obstacle to handling the emergency in a safe and efficient manner.	Student cell phones are not allowed in the building. If the student does not drive to school where they can leave their device, we have a lock box in the main office where the student is to turn in for the day and pick up at the end of their day.
33	2025/01/28 7:11:32 AM MST	Yes	Concentrate on Education, getthe Drama out of schools.	used only at Lunch

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34	2025/01/28 7:25:25 AM MST	No	We are a small, rural community without a police force and without a lot of support staff. In case of a critical incident, I need the older students to be able to help us communicate. Additionally, staff must have their phones with them to use the panic button system. Phones aren't going away and I believe it's our duty to teach kids how to use them responsibly in a school setting to prepare them for how to use them in an adult work setting. Banning phones doesn't teach that skill. The man power to enforce the ban and the power struggles with our parents will cause issues.	K-6 cannot have them at school. 7th-12th can have them but must be in their backpack on silent until lunch and after school.
35	2025/01/28 7:36:45 AM MST	Yes	Students do not need the distraction of cell phones. They interfere with instruction and school safety.	Cell phones are not allowed for students. In grades 6-12 all students must place their phones in a Yondr pouch which is locked upon school is dismissed each day. If a student has a phone out, the phone is confiscated for the day. The parent must pick up the phone. For a second offense, the phone is confiscated for the semester.
36	2025/01/28 8:03:17 AM MST	No	First and foremost, Districts have asked for local control. I believe this is one of those instances. However, cellphones have been a huge problem when it comes to the mental wellbeing of our students. I encourage you to read The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt. This tells you exactly why phones should not be in schools and the effect it is having on them. In addition, we deal with students making threats from their phones, taking pictures/videos of fights, and just not using them for good reasons. As a district, we should have the ability to come up with our own policies/procedures on how to handle this.	School procedures are to have the students put their phone in their backpacks until the end of the day. For this ban, are you referring to cellphones not allowed in schools at all, keeping cellphones in backpacks, or locked up in some device?
37	2025/01/28 8:05:49 AM MST	Yes	Here at [REDACTED], our cell phone ban has opened up dialogue between students in the hallways and in classes.	We do not see or hear cell phones, smart watches, ear buds, etc from 8-4 except for JH/HS over their 30 minute lunch period. Sponsors have their own rules for activity bus trips.

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38	2025/01/28 8:21:32 AM MST	No	Although, I fundamentally agree with not allowing electronic devices in schools during the school day, there are questions/concerns I have with such legislation. First, what would the consequences of such infractions look like? Second, this appears to be legislation that is trying to solve local issues. Some school Districtsâ€™ have a real problem with electronic devices (i.e. cyber bullying, social media, loss of learning time, etc..) while others may not be experiencing such abuse. Third, the enforceability of such legislation is questionable at best. With Bluetooth capability and smart watches, how can such a statute be enforced with integrity. Furthermore, is this a situation where after subsequent offenses, does school administration contact local authorities such as police or juvenile probation to file criminal charges? Another issue is where dual credit students are required to use their phone for two-factor identification to log in to college classes. Lastly, some Districtsâ€™ rely on electronic devices for things such as Rave panic button as a safety measure. In closing, I think we all agree that abuse of electronic devices can be a distraction to the educational process; however, legislating this at the Santa Fe level needs more in-depth consideration and discussion.	Our current policy bans cell phone use during school with the exception of before school, during lunch and after school. We are currently reviewing and considering the removal of the â€œduring lunchâ€ exception.
39	2025/01/28 8:25:02 AM MST	Yes	A State action would take the community pressure off of local districts and demonstrate support for the importance of both learning and emotional health.	Students turn them in at the beginning of the day and retrieve them at the end.
40	2025/01/28 8:29:05 AM MST	Yes	Distraction from Learning: Cell phones can divert students' attention away from lessons, leading to reduced academic performance and engagement. Cheating Concerns: Easy access to the internet and messaging apps increases the potential for cheating during exams and assignments. Cyberbullying: Phones can facilitate bullying through social media, causing emotional harm to students and disrupting the school environment. Sleep and Mental Health: Overuse of cell phones can lead to sleep deprivation and negatively impact mental health, especially when students use them excessively during school hours or late at night. Encouraging Face-to-Face Interaction: Banning phones promotes real-life communication and social skills among students, fostering stronger interpersonal relationships. Equity Issues: Not all students have access to the latest devices, and visible disparities in phone quality or brand can lead to feelings of inadequacy or exclusion. Improved Focus: Studies show that removing cell phones from the classroom increases focus and productivity, as students are less tempted to engage with non-educational content. Reduction in Behavioral Issues: Limiting access to phones helps minimize disruptions caused by texting, gaming, or inappropriate usage during school hours.	We don't have a board approved cell phone policy.

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41	2025/01/28 8:30:19 AM MST	Yes	internet access already allowed with laptops in class. Emergency calls to student go through the front office, especially if they need to be called out from school for the rest of the day.	Not allowed at our Elem or MS/HS. Put them in the holder at front office at beginning of the day. they should not be out. If they are out, they need to be confiscated and returned to student at end of day (1st time), parent (2nd time).
42	2025/01/28 8:30:39 AM MST	Yes	Help with students SEL	not to be seen in the classroom but ok at lunch and before and after school
43	2025/01/28 8:45:23 AM MST	Yes	We would support a statewide ban of cell phones & our local board would support it.	Currently, our policy allows cell phones in students possession, but does not allow students to have the phone out.
44	2025/01/28 9:24:01 AM MST	Yes	Cellphone use distracts students and interferes with learning.	Students must put cellphones away during instruction.
45	2025/01/28 9:33:03 AM MST	No	No matter where the rules/laws come from it will be hard to enforce. Will there be money attached to help schools	Students can not be on them during instruction.
46	2025/01/28 9:41:19 AM MST	No	I would support cell phone use being prohibited while classes are in session.	Cell phone use is prohibited while classes are in session.

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47	2025/01/28 9:45:31 AM MST	No	I support legislation that allows individual districts to make decisions on cell phones. There are pros and cons regarding cell phones and each district is different.	We are in our second year or banning cell phones at the elementary level and restriction of use at the middle school and high school levels. Middle school students may use their phones before and afterschool but total ban during the school day. At the high school students can use their phones except during instruction time. High school require students to place their phones in a hanging pocket shoe bag when they enter class and pick up at the end of class. Our goal is to teach students responsible use of phones. Our procedure has worked surprisingly well with little resistance from students and parents.
48	2025/01/28 9:56:50 AM MST	Yes	They are incredibly disruptive to learning and to positive socialization in classrooms. I don't think parents will support a total ban on campus for safety reasons.	Some classes have locked boxes for the phones during a class period. Wall hangers for phones are problematic, as some phones were taken. Most teachers have students keep them in their backpacks and are to used for emergency situations only.
49	2025/01/28 10:16:06 AM MST	Yes	A ban on cell phones could/would certainly assist in providing districts with support within the community but more importantly create classroom space with fewer distractions. Therefore, providing more focused instructional opportunities.	Cell phones are not allowed in the classroom. Students place phones in hangers that are hung in classroom doors or left in backpacks in the hallway.
50	2025/01/28 11:22:23 AM MST	Yes	We have seen improvements of a hybrid cell phone policy where we do not allow them during instructional time but not a all out ban on phones. but would support policy from the state.	We increased our enforcement of cell phone policy this year to focus on no cells phone use during instructional time.
51	2025/01/28 12:41:52 PM MST	Yes	████ has had a cell phone ban in place for over three years excluding lunch time. This has increased student engagement and expectations in the classroom along with less cyber bullying reports.	Students have to leave their cell phone in their locker or vehicle when they arrive to school. The only time during the school day students may be on their phones is at lunch.