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## **Cell Phones – Biggest Distraction In Schools**

There has been a lot of discussion lately about whether kids should be allowed to use cell phones in school. Kidsdo not need cell phones in school. There are phones in each classroom and front office which can be used for emergencies or to contact parents when that is needed. Phones can be a major distraction for many kids. Also, these days phones can be used by some kids to bully others.

Today's modern classrooms have phones that dial out. There is also a phone in the office. If someone needs to call a student's parent it can be done from one of the phones in the school. In the unlikely event there is a weather emergency and power goes out, including the phone lines, all of the teachers have cell phones which they can use. There is really no reason for students to have a phone with them – up until ten years ago cell phones were not around and students managed just fine in school all day.

Cell phones can be a big distraction during the school day. If kids bring their phones to class and start to use them they won't be paying attention. There are too many games and apps on phones that can pull kids attention away from what they are supposed to be doing in school. There are already so many things that can distract kids away from their lessons without adding cell phones to the mix.

Cell phones are another way that kids bully each other. There are already too many ways kids can be mean to each other at school, phones would just add another method for mean-spirited kids to harass other kids. Unfortunately, there are always a few kids who go out of their

way to give others a hard time and if cell phones are allowed in school it will give them one more tool to use to hurt others.

Some people may feel that kids need phones for safety reasons, however, with all of the phones that already exist in schools; I cannot think of any good reasons why kids need to have cell phones at school. Phones would just be a distraction and could lead to more bullying than already exists in school.

