

# Cell phones provide easier communication for students

Lunch is the time that kids get to take a break from writing notes and taking tests and just relax. It is the time when students get to socialize

with one another, where they can roam the hallways and sit down and eat. There is no educational purpose in lunch, it is just a thirty minute period set out in the day that the schools have to give us in order to eat. Lunch is a free period for students, so why shouldn't we be allowed to use our cell phones? We believe that students should be allowed to use their cell phones in the lunch room during lunch.

If students were allowed to use their cell phones during lunch, they would be able to contact their family members easily in case of an emergency. Also, to tell their parents they could be staying after school. This will save time instead of the students having to line up and wait, just to use one phone in the office.

The concern of some is that if they do allow a set time when students will be permitted to use their cell phones, that this will encourage students to bring their phone into the classroom and it will interfere with the students over all class time. If students were allowed to use their cell phones during lunch, they would only be allowed to use them in

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the designated area. School administrators would be in the lunch room during their given time for their lunch break and will make sure that when someone leaves, they have turned off their phone and put it away. There would be teachers and advisors that are in the spine area and in the hallways that will take a student's phone away. If a student is caught with their cell phone out outside of the lunch room they will be punished by not being able to use their phones in the for the next semester.

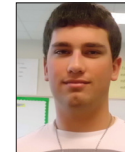
Our schools cell phone policy right now states that a student may possess a cell phone if it is turned off throughout the entire school day. If a student is caught with their cell phone on then during school hours then their phone will be confiscated and taken to the office. The student that was found in violation will receive three demerits on their first offense, on their second offense they will serve one day of SAL, and any more offenses will lead to more severe actions. By allowing students to use their phones during lunch the policy would be changed in saying that the phones have to be off during the day except for when they are in the lunch room during their assigned lunch time.

Do you think students should be allowed to use cell phones during lunch, Why or why not?



[AMANDA FORD  
TEACHER]

“No, because the school policy says no cell phones period.”



[TYLER KRUEGER  
SOPHOMORE]

“Yes, because we aren't doing school work. It is our free time to eat and socialize.”



[JACOB BALES  
SENIOR]

“I dont care either way. It is your free period, but I don't see the need when your friends are at school with you.”



[MORGAN NEWTON  
SENIOR]

“No, because it will cause problems with students wanting to take them outside of the lunch room.”



[NOELLE WILCOX  
JUNIOR]

“Yes, because it gives students the opportunity to communicate with others, as well as contact parents.”