



Annotated Student Response

SAMPLE 2-POINT RESPONSE

Writing

2. Cell phones can be a bit distracting, even when you're at home. Why wouldn't it be a distraction in school? But when I stand on this, I am a fence sitter. I believe cellphones should not be used in class, but I think it would be okay to allow them in the 5 minutes between each class.

I understand that cellphones can be used as a utensil to cheat, but if it's between class, what's the difference between telling a friend in person or texting it to them? There is none. Either way, they're going to do it.

Students will continue to text in class with or without permission, but they will not feel the need to do it in class as much if they've already checked messages in the hallway.

Doing this exception, it could lead to a down slope in confiscating more and more cellphones and less angry parents calling into the school, coming to the school, complaining, writing letters, etc. etc.

With students feeling less compelled to text and/or look at their phone in class, then they might be able to



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Concentrate more on the subject matter at hand.

College kids are a prime example for this. No doubt they text on their way to their next class; some, they still text in class, but I'm willing to bet it is not nearly as much as highschool students do in their classrooms.

In conclusion, I strongly suggest we open our minds a little more to it. Allow texting, not in the classroom, but in the hallway. I believe that if students have the hallway time to text, then they'll be less inclined to do it in class. This will lead to less and less angry parents and more and more happy teachers.