



Annotated Student Response

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2 The year is 2011. Look around. There are computers, laptops, iPads, and, of course, cell phones. But wait! Someone tells you you can't use them. Huh? This is... outrageous... Silly,...

See how ridiculous that sounded? There is no reason why students can't have cell phones in school. They are practical, convenient devices that make learning and communicating easier and better. Phones have their place in class.

In their most simple state, phones are still an all-in-one collection of useful things. Article 2 states, "cell phones are essentially mobile computers, with most featuring texting, digital photography, video capabilities, and calculators" (Article 2). This device, one you can fit in your pocket, can perform the tasks of an entire desk full of devices. Texting is silent, non-disruptive communication. Photo & video capabilities can be utilized for presentations. And, of course, calculators are used in math class all the time. Plus, phones offer even more!

Mobile internet access, Wi-Fi, etc. are the new wave technologies for using computers. I can go anywhere and still get online! This can be very practical in the classroom as well. Online encyclopedias, dictionaries, and articles can all be



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read in the classroom at the student's desk. This streamlines the research process, producing more efficient writers and freeing up class time for other learning. There are many possibilities with the world wide web at your fingers.

Of course, we know the internet has other uses besides school. But that isn't a problem anymore because of proxy technology. By making students use school-sponsored Wi-Fi, the internet can be controlled on their phones to only access acceptable content. As for texting during tests and cheating, as Article 1 points out, a simple "no phones on test day or it's a zero" policy is sufficient for that issue. It is just as easy to limit cell phone usage as it is to limit anything else in schools.

The time has come to integrate cell phones in the classroom. Most everyone in the student body has one, is proficient with it, and could use it in class. Phones offer camera and calculator functions, silent communication via texting, and controllable internet access for study. They are the technology of today, so schools should get with the times and start utilizing them accordingly.