

# Debate Topic: Cell Phones

Please read the following information, and fill out the short answer spaces with complete sentences.

As technology advances and becomes more readily available, the reality that it can provide as many distractions as conveniences becomes ever more apparent. More and more individuals rely on cell phones as their primary form of communication, and so schools have had to cope with an influx of mobile phones into classrooms and hallways. Rules on cell phone use differ, with some schools allowing students to keep their phones throughout the day while some ban them entirely from school premises. The many potential harms and distractions posed by cell phones are apparent; however, some schools are easing restrictions in light of the potential benefits.

**Motion: Cell Phones in Schools should not be permitted in schools Introduction.**

Pro Argument #1: *Cell phones should be banned from K-12 schools because having them in the building presents a possible distraction. Give examples to help prove this argument.*

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Pro Argument #2: *Cell phones can be used to cheat on assignments and exams.*

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Pro Argument #3: *Many cell phones with text capability can be used by bullies.*

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Pro Counter Argument: *If contact needs to be made with families, the school should be responsible.*

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Your con arguments go here — 3 of them