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CELL PHONES

Cell phones are not allowed at most schools, but not all students are happy about this fact. There are two sides to the issue. Some feel that cell phones at school are distracting and are not necessary. Others feel that having access to a cell phone is a must.

Many parents give their children a cell phone so that they can have immediate contact. With more and more violence occurring at school, parents want to know that their children are safe.

Those on this side of the issue also believe that students should keep the cell phone on vibrate to prevent interruptions. This group understands that students may not be able to immediately answer a phone call because they may be in the middle of a test or a lecture.

On the other side of the issue, there are those who feel that cell phones should not be allowed at schools. There is no reason that parents need to be able to contact their children during school hours. Parents have always been able to check in with the school if they need to communicate with their children.

Cell phones also add to the problem of cheating in school. If students have access to their cell phones during school, they are able to send text messages back and forth to other students. A student could text message the answers to test problems to another student.

STORY QUESTIONS

- This passage is mostly about . . .
 - how cell phones disturb the learning at school.
 - using the cell phone appropriately at school.
 - learning to eliminate cheating with the cell phone.
 - whether or not cell phones should be allowed at school.
- Which of the following statements is a reason why some people would want to have access to a cell phone at school?
 - to allow students to use the cell phone during a test
 - to occupy students during recess
 - to contact students/parents in an emergency
 - Text messaging at school can save paper.
- The passage says that cell phones add to the problem of cheating at school. Which sentence supports that statement?
 - There are those who feel that cell phones should not be allowed at schools.
 - Parents have always been able to check in with their children at school.
 - Not all students have cell phones, so text messaging wouldn't be fair.
 - A student could text message the answers to test problems to another student.