

## *Should Cell Phones Be Allowed in School?*

Many parents think that cell phones should be given to children going to school, in case of emergencies. They also think that cell phones will help them stay in touch with their children when they are not around. Now it's not very safe in schools because of many terrorist attacks, so parents would want their children to call someone for help or to inform them if they are in danger. I totally disagree that cell phones should be allowed in schools.

For example, the Columbine attack in April, 1999 so many phone calls were made that, the whole cell phone system was destroyed. Not only the students' cell phones, but even the emergency phones of the school authority were damaged. So, many schools believe that if students have cell phones, and something like this happens in the school, they panic and start calling anybody they can find. The school administrators can solve problems like this more faster if the students don't keep calling their parents. They also want the children to follow instructions so that they can get the children out of danger as soon as possible, but if the students are talking with their parents and they don't listen to the instructions, it would be difficult for the staff members to protect them. This can cause the phone lines to get destroyed and even the school won't be able to help the students to reach home safely.

In my opinion I think that cell phones shouldn't be allowed in schools, in fact many schools have already banned cell phones on the campus. All the reasons given above clearly show that cell phones shouldn't be allowed in schools. Even if such devices are permitted to be brought to the school, the students don't use it well. They use it during class times and they don't concentrate on their studies. These devices distract their minds and this is not what the school wants. It's the students choice to listen to the teachers or not, and most of the students don't pay attention to their teachers, so it's better if the schools just ban cell phones.