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“Ring!” It’s Not the Bell!

Imagine: a world without any electronic devices--no computer, no television, no cell phones. We being Americans would not approve; let’s face it--we’re all obsessed, and we can’t let technology slip out of our hands. Three out of five people own more electronic “toys” than what they actually need! You may think it’s something to brag about, but it’s a major issue in this country. Too many of us can’t stop--devices of the twenty-first century are our drug--and we’re addicted. It is a fact that a new invention has been assembled, the new crave of the century...and that is texting. Many people think it is life threatening to push the off-button and stop using their phones for a while. And some people can’t even keep their cell phones away from their delicate which burn from the screen. A real problem in New Jersey are that kids (and teens) are bringing their phones to school, and they are texting during class periods.

“Students are often easily distracted as it is, and a cell phone going off in a classroom can end the learning process as effectively as a fire drill,” states Pennsylvania teacher, Kristopher Kaufman. It seems that he is right, but there is no stopping children from texting during school hours. Not only does it distract classmates, but it throws off the teacher’s lesson,

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valuable and well thought out, that could most-likely be important for a test. Teachers across the world understand that texting is a human's favorite activity, though they are one hundred percent not permitted in school buildings. How would you feel if you were an innocent teacher whom was fighting for attention in the eyes of immature texters?

Frustrated, of course! Obviously, students enjoy staring at QWERTY keys and bright screens more than a teacher, which is heart breaking. If phones are this year's distraction--who knows what will be next? Along with distractive, texting is also disruptive.

Whether it's a "ring ring", a "beep" or a "buzz", cell phones disrupt classes. That one small noise could get your cell phone taken away--or even worse--you get go to the principal's office! Now truthfully, you tell me what's great about carrying your cell phone in school!? Disruption throughout a tiny class by a seven inch hunk of metal could lead to harsh consequences...consequences as in getting detention! Taylor Swift never took out her phone in school--and look at her now; she's a famous woman who's loved by all! Let me ask you a question--would you rather be demerit-free without a cell phone in school, or have twenty demerits with a cell phone in school? Sadly, most teens don't care about getting demerits, disrupting a class is way more important to them. This is a



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difficult problem awaiting for its solution. Something that is just as amiss as disruption is that cell phones can be rude to class mates...

Rude. Using your cell phone in school us just plain old rude!
Except, students don't understand that--nor do they even care! While a teacher's talking, students just absent-mindedly whip out their cell phones and start pushing keys under their desks. It's a disgrace, and kids deserve more than a mere detention--more than a suspension! If a teacher catches you, it's an automatic "pink slip", and you'll have to write an essay on how rude your behavior was, obnoxious and demeaning. It's pretty embarrassing, too--ask anybody! Let's say a student next to you is "beeping" privately while you're trying to listen and concentrate to the teacher. Or another time when your phone rings, how do you think the child next to you is feeling? What about the teacher...?

Maybe it is just 'super fun' to type in "LOL :D" or "TTYL" to everyone in your contact list. Though, you should know the right and wrong places to do it. Cell phones aren't meant for school...period. Even though it's fun and easy to use, they are distracting, disturbing and rude if you do it in the wrong place or with the wrong people. Texting is a huge part of this century and our lives--and we all do it (even if you don't want to admit it). It can be a really fun activity sometimes--though other times, you'd just be called a nuisance if you do it too much. Next time you take out your cell

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phone in school, an alarm should be ringing in your head, telling you to put it away immediately--or face the consequences.

