

2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 194: School Cellphone Bans
May 26-June 1, 2026

QUESTIONNAIRE

Note: The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel. For all questions, the 98 ("Don't know" in phone mode) and 99 ("Refusal" in phone mode and "No answer" in web mode) codes are combined in the data for analytical purposes.

PN = Programming note

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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

QUE: CBAN1

{W173, W156}

ASK ALL:

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1, HOLDING 5 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] Would you support or oppose a ban that prevents middle and high school students (grades 6-12) from using cellphones during class?

[PN: IF CATI:] Would you support or oppose a ban that prevents middle and high school students – that is, students in grades 6 to 12 – from using cellphones during class?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Strongly support a ban on using cellphones during class
- 2 Somewhat support a ban on using cellphones during class
- 3 Somewhat oppose a ban on using cellphones during class
- 4 Strongly oppose a ban on using cellphones during class

[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]

5 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Not sure **[PN: IF CATI:]** Or are you not sure?

99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: CBAN2

{W173, W156}

ASK IF SUPPORT BANNING CELLPHONES DURING CLASS (CBAN1=1,2):**[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS CBAN1, HOLDING 5 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

[PN: IF WEB:] Would you support or oppose a ban that prevents middle and high school students (grades 6-12) from using cellphones during the entire school day, including lunch, during class and between classes?

[PN: IF CATI:] Would you support or oppose a ban that prevents middle and high school students – that is, students in grades 6 to 12 – from using cellphones during the entire school day, including lunch, during class and between classes?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Strongly support a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day
- 2 Somewhat support a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day
- 3 Somewhat oppose a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day
- 4 Strongly oppose a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day

[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]5 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Not sure **[PN: IF CATI:]** Or are you not sure?99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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