

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

TOPLINE
N=9,750

Note: All numbers are percentages unless otherwise noted. Percentages less than 0.5% are replaced by an asterisk (*). Rows/columns may not total 100% due to rounding. The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel.

"No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say they don't know how to answer. In cases where "Not sure" was offered as an explicit option to web and telephone respondents, the "No answer" category includes only web skips and telephone refusals.

This survey was conducted primarily online, with some interviews conducted by live telephone. This topline shows the programming language for online administration. For details on how questions were slightly modified for phone administration, visit the questionnaire.

PN = Programming note

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	9,750	+/- 1.4 percentage points

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

CBAN1

ASK ALL:

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1, HOLDING 5 LAST]

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

May 26-Jun 1, 2026		Jun 9-15, 2025	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024
77	NET Support a ban on using cellphones during class	74	68
54	Strongly support a ban on using cellphones during class	51	45
23	Somewhat support a ban on using cellphones during class	22	23
18	NET Oppose a ban on using cellphone during class	19	24
10	Somewhat oppose a ban on using cellphones during class	12	13
7	Strongly oppose a ban on using cellphones during class	7	10
6	Not sure	7	8
*	No answer	*	*

CBAN2

ASK IF SUPPORT BANNING CELLPHONES DURING CLASS (CBAN1=1 OR 2) [N=8,069]:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1, HOLDING 5 LAST IN THE SAME ORDER AS CBAN1]

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?

May 26-Jun 1, 2026		Jun 9-15, 2025	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024
63	NET Support a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day	59	53
34	Strongly support a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day	32	27
29	Somewhat support a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day	27	26
33	NET Oppose a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day	37	43
22	Somewhat oppose a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day	25	28
11	Strongly oppose a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day	12	14
3	Not sure	4	5
1	No answer	*	*

CBAN1/CBAN2 COMBO TABLE
BASED ON ALL ADULTS:

May 26-Jun 1, 2026		Jun 9-15, 2025	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024
48	NET Support a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day (<i>strongly/somewhat support CBAN2</i>)	44	36
43	NET Oppose a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day (<i>strongly/somewhat oppose either CBAN1 OR CBAN2</i>)	46	53
8	NET Not sure (<i>not sure for either CBAN1 OR CBAN2</i>)	10	11
1	No answer to CBAN1 OR CBAN2	*	*

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PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a ...

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
28	29	29	13	2	17	21