

## Viewpoints

# LAUSD Bans Cellphone Use at Schools



The Los Angeles Unified School District has voted to ban cellphones and social media for students starting the second semester of the 2024-25 academic year. This bold move follows growing concerns about the pervasive impact of digital devices on students' academic performance and mental health. A recent Common Sense Media study highlighted that a staggering 97% of students ages 11 to 17 use cellphones during school hours. School board member Nick Melvoin, the resolution's author, emphasized the detrimental effects of constant digital engagement on student interaction and academic focus. By implementing these restrictions and updating policies swiftly, LAUSD aims to foster a more engaged and supportive school environment where students can thrive both academically and socially. This decision aligns with a broader movement among schools nationwide that have reported positive outcomes from similar measures, demonstrating that limiting digital distractions can lead to happier, more connected students.

You can read the full article at:

“Students are glued to their cellphones, not unlike adults. They are surreptitiously scrolling during school, during class time. They have their head in their hand walking down the hallways,” said school board member Nick Melvoin, who authored the resolution, during Tuesday’s meeting. “They’re not talking to each other or playing at lunch.”

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