The definitions below provide just-in-time support for understanding challenging words in the prompt and sources. Use them as needed while you read.

## **Prompt**

**Cell** **Phones** (noun): mobile devices that communicate through cellular networks, rather than through landlines

**Position** (noun): a particular opinion or stance on an issue

## “Cell Phones in School—Personally Owned Devices” (Video)

**Access** (verb): be able to obtain

**Competitive** (adj.): able to perform as well as others

**Curriculum** (noun): the standard material taught in a particular subject in school

**Devices** (noun): objects made for a particular purpose, especially mechanical or electronic equipment

**Diagram** (noun): a drawing showing how something works

**Globally** (adv.): happening all over the world

**Infrastructure** (noun): equipment that makes something possible

**IT** (noun): abbreviation for Information Technology, referring to anything related to computers

**Marketplace** (noun): the world of business

**Market research** (noun): studies done on the popularity of consumer products

**Policy** (noun): rule

**Research** (noun): finding information

**Taboo** (noun): something forbidden or off-limits

**Vision** (noun): idea for the way things could be

**World-class** (adj.): among the best in the world

## "Grades Improved When Cell Phones Banned…” (Video)

**Banned** (adj): taken away

**Broad** (adj.): large, wide

**Editor** (noun): a person in charge of a written publication

**Productivity** (noun): the ability to get more work done

**Slumping** (adj.): going lower

**Stance** (noun): a particular position on an issue

**Underachievers** (noun): students who don’t perform well in school

**Utilizing** (verb): making use of

## “12 Problems Caused by Students with Phones” by Jon Akers, Kentucky Center for School Safety

**Bombarded** (verb): approached quickly and repeatedly, like an attack

**Bomb threat** (noun): a situation where an individual claimsthat they will plant or have planted a bomb in a building

**Bullying** (verb): the act of being deliberately cruel to another person, whether physically or verbally

**Confrontation** (noun): a face-to-face challenge or dispute

**Crippling** (verb): causing serious harm to someone or something

**Detonate** (verb): to set off a bomb

**Distributing** (verb): handing out

**Harassing** (verb): intimidating a person physically or emotionally

**Inappropriate** (adj.): improper

**Law enforcement** (noun): measures taken to ensure people follow laws

**Official** (adj.): authorized to use by a person or agency in power

**Procedures** (noun): step-by-step processes

**Protocols** (noun): official processes

**Traced** (verb): followed to the source

**Thwarting** (verb): stopping something from happening

## "As Schools Lift Bans on Cell Phones, Educators Weigh Pros and Cons" by Kinjo Kiema

**Acceptance** (noun): the act of approval

**Administration** (noun): the leadership of a school or level of government

**Autonomy** (noun): independence

**Ban** (noun): a rule prohibiting something from being used

**Championed** (verb): spoke in public in favor of an idea or action

**Collaborate** (noun): work together

**Combat** (verb): to fight against

**Concentrations** (noun): amounts of something

**Consistently** (adv.): on a regular basis

**Contact** (verb): communicate with

**Cyberbullying** (noun): the act of being cruel to people online

**Decade** (noun): a period of ten years

**Decrease** (verb): make smaller

**Devices** (noun): objects made for specific purposes, especially mechanical or electrical equipment

**Disadvantaged** (adj.): less fortunate; poor

**Disciplinary actions** (noun): consequences for breaking rules

**Dislodge** (verb): free something that was stuck

**Distraction** (noun): something that moves attention away from where it should be

**Domino** (noun): a small block used in a game; since dominoes can be lined up so each one knocks over the next one, a “domino effect” refers to the idea that one event will lead to another

**Effective** (adj.): creating the intended result

**Embracing** (verb): accepting

**Enforced** (verb): followed, as with a rule or law

**Factor** (noun): a condition that contributes to a result

**Foster** (verb): help with the growth of

**Fulfilling** (adj.): creating satisfaction

**Generally** (adv.): usually

**Grapple** (verb): struggle with

**Implemented** (verb): put in place

**Incorporate** (verb): include or combine

**Inequity** (noun): unfairness

**Inevitability** (noun): a condition in which something is guaranteed to happen

**Interactions** (noun): the actions shared between two or more people

**Nuisance** (noun): something that bothers people

**Persistently** (adv.): done repeatedly despite challenges

**Policies** (noun): rules

**Posed** (verb): asked

**Potential** (adj.): possible

**Reputation** (noun): what others think of something

**Reverse** (verb): change to an opposite position

**Sexting** (noun): sending sexually explicit text messages

**Significant** (adj.): happening often enough to be important

**Stringently** (adv.): strictly or seriously

**Technologies** (noun): machines that help people do things faster and more easily

**Tidal wave** (noun): a very large ocean wave; also used to refer to any large amount of something

**Went into effect** (verb): officially became law