

# ΦΥΛΛΟ ΕΡΓΑΣΙΑΣ 2

## 1η ΔΡΑΣΤΗΡΙΟΤΗΤΑ

**Read the following text and answer the questions (1 to 5) as True or False.**

“A study last year from Common Sense Media found that 97% of kids use their phones during school hours, and that kids say school cellphone policies vary — often from one classroom to another — and aren’t always enforced.

For a school cellphone ban to work, educators and experts say the school administration must be the one to enforce it and not leave that task to teachers. The Phone-Free Schools Movement, an advocacy group formed last year by concerned mothers, says policies that allow students to keep phones in their backpacks, as many schools do, are ineffective.

“If the bookbag is on the floor next to them, it’s buzzing and distracting, and they have the temptation to want to check it,” said Kim Whitman, a co-founder of the group, which advises schools to require phones be turned off and locked away all day.

Some students say such policies take away their autonomy and cut off their main mode of communication with family and friends. Pushback also has come from parents who fear being cut off from their kids if there is a school emergency. Whitman advises schools to make exceptions for students with special educational and medical needs, and to inform parents on expert guidance that phones can be a dangerous distraction for students during an emergency.

Jaden Willoughay, 14, shares the concern about being out of contact with his parents if there’s a crisis. But he also sees the upsides of turning in his phone at school. At Delta High School in rural Utah, where Jaden is a freshman, students are required to check their phones at the door when entering every class. Each of the school’s 30 or so classrooms has a cellphone storage unit that looks like an over-the-door shoe bag with three dozen smartphone-sized slots.

“It helps you focus on your work, and it’s easier to pay attention in class,” Jaden said. A classmate, Mackenzie Stanworth, 14, said it would be hard to ignore her phone if it was within reach. It’s a relief, she said, to “take a break from the screen and the social life on your phone and actually talk to people in person.” It took a few years to tweak the cellphone policy and a system that worked, said Jared Christensen, the school’s vice principal.

“At first it was a battle. But it has been so worth it,” he said. “Students are more attentive and engaged during class time. Teachers are able to teach without competing with cellphones. And student learning has increased,” he said, citing test scores that are at or above state averages for the first time in years. “I can’t definitively say it’s because of this policy. But I know it’s helping.”

The next battle will be against earbuds and smartwatches, he said. Even with phones stashed in pouches, students get caught listening to music on air pods hidden under their hair or hoodies. “We haven’t included earbuds in our policy yet. But we’re almost there..”

	STATEMENT	TRUE	FALSE
1.	Students can stay indifferent to a buzzing phone		
2.	Some parents feel the autonomy of students is taken away		
3.	According to Kim Whitman keeping phones in backpack during the lesson is enough		
4.	Mackenzie Stanworth and Jared Christensen are at the same age		
5.	Earbuds will be the next problem		

## 2η ΔΡΑΣΤΗΡΙΟΤΗΤΑ

Watch the following video from WFAA-TV and while watching the video clip keep notes to answer the following questions?

<https://youtu.be/S-t9OeNoOQ0?si=cWObS0fxZWFAqXMr>

1. How many teens have access to smart phones according to survey
2. What is the percentage of school principals supporting the restriction on cell phone use?
3. What is the effect of cell phones on academic development?
4. What is the evidence suggested by a study from the University of Texas on carrying phones in backpack?
5. What does the abbreviation FOMO stand for

### 3η ΔΡΑΣΤΗΡΙΟΤΗΤΑ

Select a card with a different color. Create groups. Each group will express their opinion on the following topic according to the roles assigned and present their opinion to class. Finally, the whole class will attempt to reach a consensus on the topic.

Fill in the following table with your own notes from the presentation of your fellow students

Will a cell phone storage unit solve the problem of distraction by cell phone during class?

	Group Role	Suggested idea	Do you agree?
A.	Politician		
B.	School principal		
C.	Teacher		
D.	Parent		
E.	Student		

### 4η ΔΡΑΣΤΗΡΙΟΤΗΤΑ

Report back to a student named Parmenion the debate in which you have participated in an email message. Sign as phoneless Student. Use between (120 –180 words). Upload your message in ΕΡΓΑΣΙΕΣ section of η-Τάξη by designated date and time.