



Class and Mobile Phones

There is bad news for students who use mobile phones in class. New research says students do not learn very well when they text and use social media in class. Researchers looked at 145 American university students in the classroom. Some of the students used their mobile phones in class; others switched off their phones. The students who turned off their phones in class got higher scores on tests they took at the end of the class.

A big challenge for teachers is to keep students working. Many students want to be online and check messages, even when they have classwork. Researchers said students are physically present in class, but mentally absent because they are using their mobiles. Teachers are fighting a “losing battle” because students are more interested in social media. Other research found that test scores went up by 6% after mobile phones were banned in class.

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