

Phone Policy Voices

Identify how people view a proposed school rule differently.

6.19.D "identify different points of view about an issue or current topic;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each person's or group's opinion about the proposed phone rule. Circle the reason that explains each opinion, then number the different points of view 1, 2, and 3.

A Proposed Phone Rule

- ① At Riverside Middle School, the student council is discussing a proposed rule about cell phones during the school day. The rule would require phones to stay in lockers from the first bell until dismissal. Students could use office phones to contact families, and teachers could allow a phone during a medical need. The principal asked students, families, and staff members to share their views before the school board considers the proposal next month at its regular meeting.
- ② Ms. Lee, a science teacher, supports the locker rule. She says notification sounds and students checking screens can interrupt lessons, even when a phone is face down. In her view, keeping phones away for the whole day would help students focus and talk with classmates at lunch. A parent named Mr. Ortiz agrees. He believes the rule would reduce pressure to answer messages immediately and would make it easier for teachers to enforce one clear expectation.
- ③ Not everyone favors the proposal. Jayden, a seventh-grade student, worries that a locked-away phone could make it harder to arrange an after-school ride when plans change. He wants students to keep phones off and in backpacks instead. The school nurse also raises a concern about students who use phone alerts for health reasons. She asks the board to create a simple way for those students to carry their devices. These speakers share concerns, but they suggest different changes to the proposed rule.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What is Ms. Lee's point of view about the proposed phone rule? Give one reason for her view.

2 What is Mr. Ortiz's point of view? What does he think the rule would improve?

3 How does Jayden's point of view differ from Ms. Lee's point of view?

4 What concern does the school nurse raise, and what change does she ask the board to make?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a school issue that could affect students. Write four sentences that describe two different points of view about the issue, including one reason for each view.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each person's or group's opinion about the proposed phone rule. Circle the reason that explains each opinion, then number the different points of view 1, 2, and 3. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is Ms. Lee's point of view about the proposed phone rule? Give one reason for her view.	Ms. Lee supports the locker rule because phones can interrupt lessons. She also believes it would help students focus and talk at lunch.
2	What is Mr. Ortiz's point of view? What does he think the rule would improve?	Mr. Ortiz supports the rule. He thinks it would reduce pressure to answer messages right away and make the rule easier for teachers to enforce.
3	How does Jayden's point of view differ from Ms. Lee's point of view?	Jayden does not want phones locked in lockers all day. He wants phones off in backpacks so students can arrange rides if plans change, while Ms. Lee supports keeping phones in lockers.
4	What concern does the school nurse raise, and what change does she ask the board to make?	The nurse is concerned about students who need phone alerts for health reasons. She asks for a simple way for those students to carry their devices.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Some students want a later school start time because they could get more sleep. They think rested students may focus better. Other students oppose a later start because sports practices and family schedules might end later. They think the change could make after-school plans harder.

Accept any reasonable school issue and two clearly different points of view. Each view should include a claim and a reason that matches that claim.