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I oppose this ban, because I believe students in Oregon should be allowed to use cellphones and other devices in class rooms. Cellphones can be a valuable way to support academic activities, such as using the cellphone for research purposes as well as calculators etc. I feel that cell phones should not be used in class unless needed. But in your bag in case of an emergency or academic activities. To ban cellphones from school can be more of a hazard than anything. Cellphones were made for communication, so shutting off a child's form of communication with outside people and parents/guardians is reverting back to old habits and extremely dangerous. The attendance rate of students will drop immensely, and they're going to be more aggravated because you're taking something away that's apart of their everyday life. And even if their cellphones are banned, they will most likely still sneak their phones which will cause the children's trouble rates to increase.