

Lake Oswego schools implemented a no cell phone policy at the start of the 2024-25 school year. Our two high school libraries have grown into social hubs, where we welcome conversations and collaboration. Before and after school, and at lunchtime, students are welcome to study as always. We also introduced some 'low-tech makerspace' activities—such as chess, jigsaw puzzles, Rubiks cubes, card games, and Zen coloring. The adults in the building love seeing the kids talk and get-together for activities, rather than immediately pull out their phones and get lost in more screen time. This shift has turned the library into a sought after gathering place, where all students are welcome and we don't "ssshhhh".

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