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I always use technology to help with my schoolwork. For example, I use Google Translate to help with Spanish. It would be more difficult for me to do my work without things like Google and Youtube because they have videos or websites that are helpful to me. Schools should allow phones, computers, and security technology to help students who are failing improve, benefit all students and make them enjoy learning, and ensure safety around the schools.

The first reason why I think schools should allow technology is because the internet would help students to succeed in school. According to Newsela, "Cellphones are still absent from most U.S. schools but new data shows them steadily gaining approval. More school administrators are bowing to parents' wishes to keep tabs on their kids. Teachers are also finding ways to work them into lessons." This shows that parents are trying to get phones to be allowed in schools because they want their children to have better learning experiences.

The second reason why I think schools should allow technology into school is because of boredom. According to TeachHub "Students prefer technology because they believe that it makes learning more interesting and fun. They especially like laptops and tablets. Subjects that students deem challenging or boring can become more interesting with virtual lessons, through a video, or when using a tablet." This shows that when teachers are using technology for learning, it makes classes more fun. I get bored sometimes when all we do in school is paperwork. Technology makes it more fun because the computer has educational games that you could play. I think that if you play and learn, it is better because you learn new things from the game.

Lastly, schools should allow technology because it would help people be safe around the school. According to Reuters "Surveys of more than 54,000 middle and high school students found that the presence of security officers as well as outdoor cameras made kids feel safer, according to the report published in the Journal of Adolescent Health." This shows that kids feel safer when safety measures like cameras are around. I feel safe when there is security around the school or if there are cameras.

I think what people could do is that they can do surveys around their school about technology and see how many votes these changes would get. If there are more yes votes than no votes, you can convince your principal to have technology in school. Schools should allow phones, computers, and security technology inside the building to help students who are failing improve, benefit all students and make them enjoy learning, and make people more safe around the school.

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