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Banning use of personal devices at school would greatly level the playing field for kids who struggle with screen use and addiction. When most all kids have access to their devices at school, it creates challenges for those who do not/can not to meet others and make friends. Screens have become a crutch to enable kids to hide and avoid social contact.

We have strict controls on our son's device - this renders it unusable except as a tool to call/text home. He has found it difficult to find peers to connect during free time - including lunch. It is heartbreaking to hear day after day that no one is willing to get off their phones and just hang out during lunch.

I don't think it is a hardship to ban use of personal devices in school. It is analogous to most workplace expectations around appropriate use.