

Texting: Abuse It and Lose It

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Voyager, Chocolate, Blackberry, or Glide, for most people cell phones are a luxury but at Kingswood Regional High School cell phones are becoming a necessity.

In most cases cell phones and their beloved features, such as texting, can be helpful when you quickly need to get in touch with your mom to let her know that you are staying after or you text your friend to ask what the homework is because you are out sick.

It is times like these when, without thinking, you reach into your pocket and begin to text. And it's certain that a lot of people have been in situations like that.

Unfortunately, we are taking advantage of this wonderful luxury and things are getting out of control.

At Kingswood texting has become a problem. Look around in just about any class and there is one person who is, was, or is about to text another student or even a parent.

Is texting during class really necessary? Is the situation that crucial that you have to disrupt your education, which is the whole reason you are at school?

You come to school day after day to learn, but when you spoil your class by texting, are you really learning? Even if it is for a brief minute, it could be in that brief minute that you miss something which could be a vital aspect of the class.

Cell phones and texting have become such a large part of society that the ability to stop texting in school is long gone.

There will always be students who are willing to risk their education and break the rules just to talk to someone.

If you need to get in contact with your parents, use the office phone. And of course the nurse can call home when you're sick. The school is prepared to deal with these types of situations and they have been for years. Also, using your cell phone in case of an emergency is really dependent on what your emergency is.

Texting is a wonderful way to communicate, it's just that school is not the place to do it. Even though they're tempting, cell phones need to be put away during classes. So next time you receive a text message at school, think twice before you read it and respond.