

# Phones Held Hostage

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Students have had controversy over the phone rule at Gorzycki over the years.

The current cell phone rule is that if a teacher sees a student on their phone, they will bring it to the office where students will have to wait two days before a parent can pick it up, with a fine of \$15. Students are only supposed to use phones for academic reasons with teacher permission.

Seventh grader Chloe Francois has had her phone taken away.

"I don't think it's very well thought out because you might need to contact somebody for an

emergency or something important," Francois said.

Students give their opinion on what would make them agree more with the rule.

"I wouldn't want to pay \$15, so I would lower the

price by \$5 and maybe student's phones could be taken away for three days instead of two," sixth grader Brody Miller said. "If we weren't allowed to have phones at school, I wouldn't care because I

am here to learn not to go on my phone."

Eighth grade science teacher Andrew Doggett thinks the rule is necessary.

"I feel that the rule is perfect, even if it is strict,"

Doggett said. "Students know the rules and it is their option to choose to follow it, they will just have to face the consequences."

Doggett takes one or two phones per month.

"I only let my students use their phones to look up random facts and research," Doggett said.

In-School Suspension Monitor Armanda Huerta agrees that the rule is necessary.

"I don't want the phones in school and I like the old way of teaching more," Huerta said. "I think the phones distract you from learning. If I was a student and I got my phone taken away I would be more afraid of my mother than paying \$15."

