

Ethical Issues Around Cell Phone Use

Student Organizer 1

Directions: Use the questions below as you complete your survey for the Introductory Activity. Feel free to add or modify questions as you see fit.

- 1. Do you have your own cell phone?
- 2. If so, what features does your cell phone include (i.e. camera, video or voice recording features, text messaging capabilities, special ringtones, etc.)? If you don't own your own cell phone, which features would you look for if you were to purchase one?
- 3. Do you use these features regularly? Which features do you use most often? In your opinion, are all of the features really necessary? Would you have bought the phone without them?
- 4. Do you think that some cell phone features are inappropriate for school? If so, which features? Why do you think they're inappropriate?
- 5. Do you think that some cell phone features are inappropriate for use in public places? Which features? Why do you think they're inappropriate?
- 6. How would you feel if you learned that one of your classmates or a stranger was using a cell phone to take photos or video of you without your permission?
- 7. Do you think students use the features of their cell phones to cheat on tests and exams? If caught, how should the school respond? How do you think this can be prevented?
- 8. Do you think that cell phone use should be restricted or prohibited at school? Why or why not?
- 9. Have you ever been distracted or annoyed by someone who was speaking loudly on a cell phone at school or in another public place?
- 10. What are three rules that you think all cell phone users should follow?

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