

# Stricter enforcement of iPod rule

## iPods make cheating easier

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It is 10 p.m. on a school night and you have just arrived home. You have a test the following day that determines whether you pass or fail. You know you should study, but you also know that you are exhausted. You see your iPod lying on your computer desk and you have the test material on file on your computer.

You have a choice to make. You can download the material and go to sleep. On the other hand you can stay up until 2 in the morning and risk failing the test anyway. You hook your iPod up to the computer and download the test material.

Recently, multiple schools have banned iPods, Zunes, and similar digital media players due to students cheating in various ways.

Our school should follow in their footsteps. Cell phones, iPods, and other technological devices need to be eliminated from our schools.

Although it is not being condoned, cheating is becoming a growing problem to surviving the pressure that is in our daily lives.

Many high school kids are involved in things like sports teams, clubs, and plays. Add those to school itself, homework, eating, sleeping, and a huge test or even a quiz, and cheating might not sound like a bad thing. Nevertheless, we know it is not the right thing to do.

"If they took away my iPod I would be very sad," said Mike Deger, 10.

With technology advancing rapidly, it seems nearly impossible to keep the rates of cheating down. However, nothing will change if the rules are not enforced.

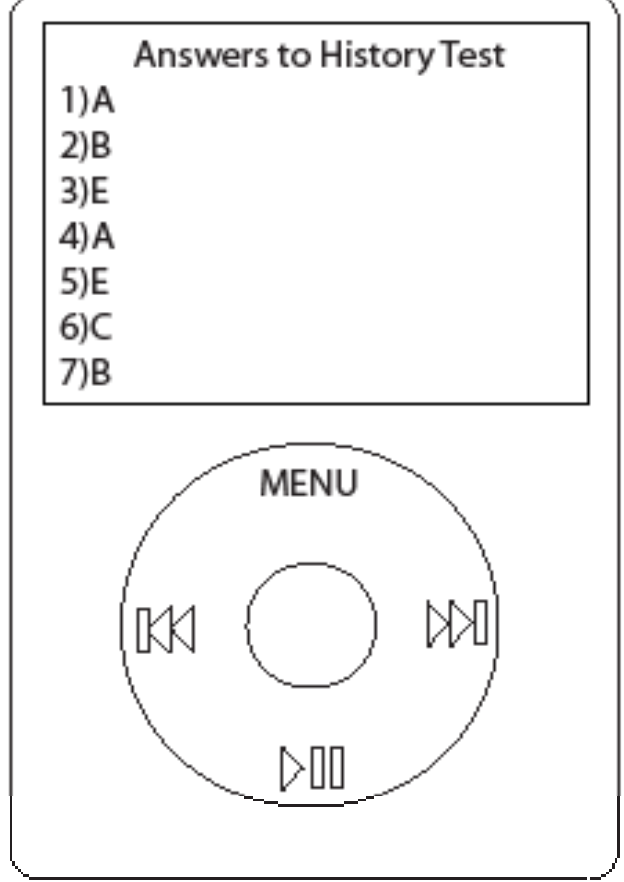
In the past, our school has not only formulated rules but also implemented them. It would be effective for there to be a technology restriction in the school.

School is for learning, yet so much has been added to some of our list of priorities that learning has dropped in importance. There should be no iPods at school because they distract from learning and are probably one of the main resources for cheating.

"We think that iPods should be allowed to be brought to school, but they shouldn't be [in the classroom] during tests and/or quizzes," said Michelle Grosser, 9 and Ruchika Porwal, 9.

Yes, there will probably always be cheating in school, but not trying to limit it when it is possible only encourages it. Eliminating technological devices will move us one step closer to making learning a number one priority again.

"I understand that administrators wish to eliminate cheating, but outlawing phones and iPods isn't they way to do it. Even without them, kids will find other ways to cheat," said Caitlin Rettenmaier, 11. "It's up to the teachers to enforce the code of conduct and not allow them out in class."



# List of most likely to kill

## 100 most dangerous people

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Imagine what it would be like if humans had the ability to predict which criminals were the most likely to commit homicide. The act of murder itself could be all together eliminated.

Sounds like a remake of Minority Report, right?

Well, this originally interesting plotline recently came to life when four community organizers and government officials compiled a list of the "1,500 most dangerous criminals" in Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

These 1,500 people, according to the organizers of the list, are the most likely to commit a murder.

"We will target and focus on the 1,500 most dangerous criminals walking the streets of Cincinnati," said Charlie Winburn, one of the organizers of this list. "This will reduce the homicide rate, reduce the number of people shot on the streets, and reduce the number of shots fired. Our next homicide will probably come from this list."

This small group of people plan on presenting police, probation officers, and other officials with this list to help lower the amount of homicides in the Cincinnati area.

In order to create this list, Chris Kearney, an advocate of public safety, looked up the histories on people who were convicted of murder and created a connection between the murder and a previous crime.

"I think that if they're a criminal, they should be on a list. It helps the rest of us better protect ourselves," said Corbin Lay, 10.

He found that the criminals committed a murder within

twelve months of another violent crime or a prior conviction involving a gun or drugs.

Some people do not think this is the case though. Some believe that compiling a list violates the rights of the people on the said list.

"They can't be 100 percent accurate, and it's so dangerous. I don't care if the people have committed violent crimes. They're being labeled as being the worst of the worst," said Robert Newman, a civil rights lawyer in Cincinnati.

Though the group has refused to release this list of supposed future murderers, it has caused quite the stir. Whether or not the list will be released is inconclusive.

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# Freshmen to be sophmores

## Making another lap around track

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School is almost over, making freshman antsy about the approaching school year, when they will no longer be at the bottom and less will be expected of them.

"I did not enjoy freshman year. I had a lot of work and had a lot of things expected of me. I look forward to sophomore year because I will have a year of high school experience under my belt," said Hannah D'Souza, 9.

The freshman have also started to realize that nothing special has happened, and are thinking of it as another school year.

Some freshman are just indifferent about freshman year. They look back and find that the school year was a let down and that they could have done better.

"I wish I could re-do my freshman year. I didn't do as well as I thought I could. Socially, though, it was great; I met some really cool people," said Mike Grannen, 9.

Driving and other milestones are something that almost all freshman look forward to. Sophomore year usually means getting temps or even licenses.

"I don't really like being a freshman. It's not necessarily being in the group, it's just the things I can do if I am a tad bit older," said Angela Messina, 9.

The end of freshman year means that the beginning of sophomore year is just around the corner. Freshmen can move on with their four year journey toward graduating.

"I really liked freshman year. I can't wait for the upcoming ones", said Jackie Orent, 9.

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