

FOCUS ACT

Governor Kay Ivey has signed the FOCUS Act, prohibiting students' use of smartphones and other wireless devices inside Alabama's public schools.

“In my state of the state address, I repeated the requests of Alabama teachers and parents in calling for a ban on student cell phone use in our schools,” said Governor Ivey. “Smart phones have beneficial roles when used in proper settings. However, these often-disruptive devices have no place in our classrooms during the school day except for educational purposes or during an emergency. The FOCUS Act will enable students to ‘focus’ on learning while in school rather than on their phones.”

1. Do you think the Focus Act is fair for students?
2. Are the Alabama policymakers just in their act of creating this policy?

What does it mean to be fair?

Treatment without showing favoritism or bias; Treating everyone equally

What does it mean to be just?

Morally, ethically, and legally correct