Tapping into Mobile Learning

Parents' Thoughts About Mobile Devices for Early Childhood and K-12 Learning

The vast majority of children at all grade levels—preschool (pre-K) through 12th grade—have access to an array of technology at home, including mobile devices.

> 36% 27% Daily 53% Weekly 37%

> > **iPod** Touch

Less Often 5%

Someone in **78%** family owns 24% **52%** 11% Child uses Daily 51% Weekly 43% **E-Reader** Less Often 7% Daily 32% **Portable Computer**

77%

Daily 65% Weekly 28% Less Often 6%

43%

Smartphone

Weekly 55% Less Often 14% 46% 34% Daily 47% Weekly 46% Less Often 7% **Tablet**

Note: The 2,392 parents who answered this question were asked to report about child usage for all children, aged 3–18, in their families. Collectively, these parents have 4,164 children in this age range.

Mobile devices are making their way to school. By high school, half of all students (51 percent) carry a smartphone to school with them every day.



Middle school 28%



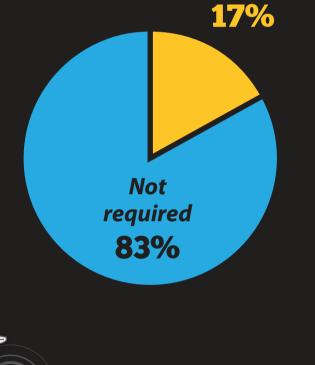
High school **51%**

25% All K-12

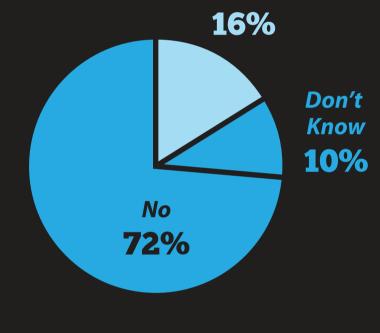
the classroom. Percentage of parents who say their child's school **requires the use** of ... allows use of family-

Few schools allow students to use family-owned mobile devices in

mobile or portable devices in the classroom. Required



owned mobile devices in the classroom. Yes



K-2

3-5

7/10/

Defining Terms Mobile devices: wireless

handheld devices that use Wi-Fi, 3G or 4G to connect to the Internet, many of which use an operating system such as iOS, Windows or Android, and can run various types of apps. Examples include smartphones, tablets, e-readers, and the iPod Touch. **Portable devices:**

laptops, notebooks, netbooks or ultrabooks.

9–12

Total

positive values of mobile apps and content—and parents of younger children are even more enthusiastic. Percentage of

Parents report

completely or somewhat agree

Parents of students

who are required to

parents who

Teach reading Teach math Foster creativity Teach problem solving Teach science Teach foreign languages

Learning Benefit

Promote curiosity

84%	74%	70%	77%	/6%
79 %	69%	63%	62%	68%
75 %	72 %	63%	59%	67%
71%	62%	58%	64%	64%
73%	62%	56%	59%	63%
72 %	60%	59%	60%	63%
71%	60%	59%	59%	62%
Note: Boldfaced percentages indicate statistically significant differences in parent responses compared to those of parents				

6-8

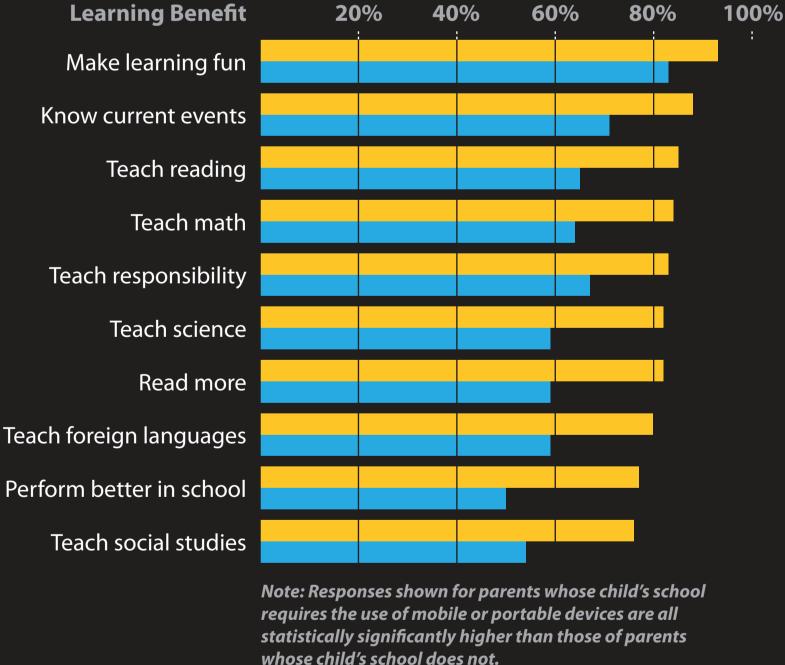
of children in at least one other grade span.

use mobile or portable devices in school are even more positive about the learning and educational potential. **Mobile or Portable** Use at Child's

or Not Required. Percentage of parents who completely or

somewhat agree

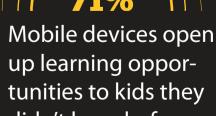
School Required



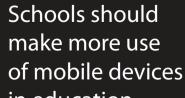
for learning

mobile tech used

Parents want



didn't have before



Schools should

require mobile

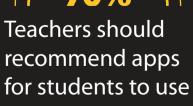
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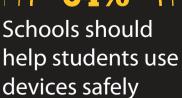
classroom

from schools

Parents

need help





concerns

Parents do

have some

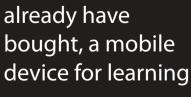


Mobile devices can distract from learning

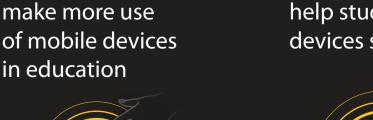
Parents aren't

waiting for

schools



Plan to buy, or



Need help finding

good educational

apps for their

children

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