

# Should football be banned in high schools?

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# CERCA Sort:

Use the sentences provided to arrange in the appropriate order

## CLAIM

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## REASON

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## EVIDENCE

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Football is dangerous.

Supporters of football say that it helps kids learn skills like cooperation and teamwork. However, these skills can be developed by other sports that are safer.

Football should be banned in high school.

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Cell phones distract students.

Supporters of cell phones in the classroom say that it can be used for instruction. However, this instruction can happen without the distraction of things like social media on cell phones.

Cell phones should be banned in high school.

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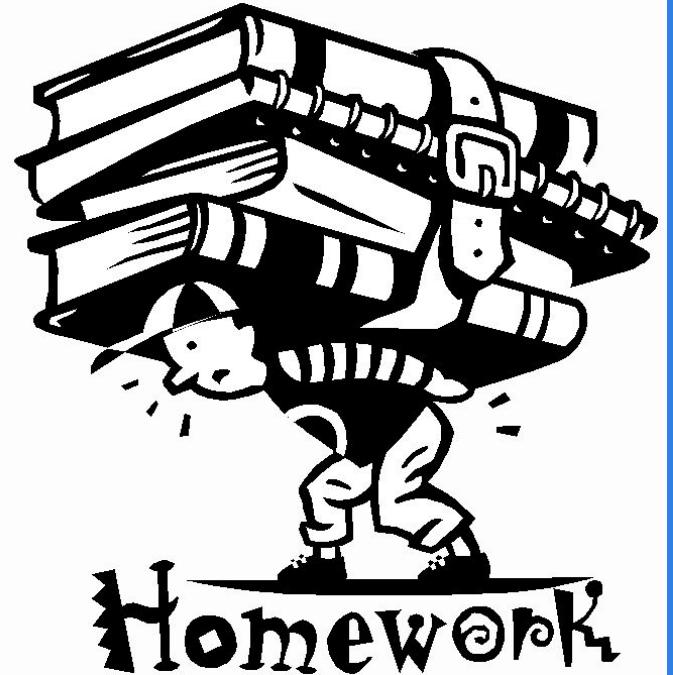


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Students should not have homework.

For example, when students have to complete 2-3 hours of homework each night, it is not possible to complete that in addition to having 2 hours of sports practice or music/art/dance classes, spending quality time with family, participating in social activities, tending to chores, and getting ample sleep.

This shows that students ultimately have to sacrifice one or more of their extra-curricular activities in order to complete their homework in a timely manner, reinforcing that students should not have additional schoolwork to do outside of the class period.

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2. Although school uniforms do have benefits, they severely limit a students freedom of choice and that can at times be detrimental.
3. School uniforms create the most positive school environment.
4. According to the the study referenced in the article, in schools where students wore uniforms “students listen significantly better, there are lower noise levels, and lower teaching waiting times with classes starting on time.”
5. This is important because uniforms essentially build a better learning environment.

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