



NSEA Supports SB444

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The Nevada State Education Association has been the voice of Nevada educators for 125 years. NSEA supports SB444 to require updated policies on student use of electronic devices in school.

Every educator in the classroom knows about the problems of student cell phone use in class. Personal electronic devices typically serve as distractions, with texting, social media, and gaming diverting attention from classroom instruction. Easy access to the internet and now artificial intelligence leads to cheating during tests and imbedded assessments. Some students use phones despite knowing it is against the rules, leading to conflicts with educators, with repeated violations leading to disciplinary problems.

SB444 is a commonsense measure to regulate the use of student electronic devices during instruction time, while implementing a progressive discipline process based on the number and seriousness of the violations. It provides for the appropriate use of student electronic devices in case of an emergency, for instructional purposes, or to support an individualized education plan. We ask for your support of SB44. Thank you.