

## TECHNOLOGY

IS A LARGE PORTION OF MANY PEOPLE'S LIVES. IN TODAY'S SOCIETY, MANY USE IT TO PERFORM EVERY DAY TASKS. THE TECHNOLOGICAL WORLD HAS BEEN ADVANCING CONTINUOUSLY OVER THE COURSE OF SEVERAL DECADES, AND IS STILL EVOLVING TODAY.

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### AMERICAN TECH V.S. THE WORLD

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With subtle improvements every year, the United States is known to have advanced technology that aids us in different scientific fields. Although we might have better technology compared with some areas of the world, other countries, such as Japan, Finland, and South Korea, surpass us electronically. Our technology, which includes products such as smart phones, and tablets, makes life more convenient for us and allows us to enjoy life more efficiently. As we are quickly growing electronically, the creators of many advanced companies, such as Google, Dell and Apple, generate more evolved items of technology. Google, for instance, is a major search engine that was created here in the United States and is vigorously used worldwide.

Japan, a very superior country in the field of science, has many incredible feats of technology that outshine nearly everyone else. With amazingly fast forms of transportation, Japan has trains and cars that seem to teleport from place to place. While the Japanese people are more than capable of handling extremely fast and dangerous machinery, American people are less capable to do so due to the inevitable growth of America's high vehicle accident rate.

However, the United States is not that helpless when it comes to space technology. With the most number of space missions sent out of Earth, America is the leading nation in space exploration. Our technology, nonetheless, has improved our economy by a great deal. Through the internet, companies are able to sell their merchandise online which contributes to the convenience of efficient lifestyles. Technological sciences also help manufacturers generate items more quickly, effectively and in bulk.

## TECHNO-4-US

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### POSTPONE THE CELL PHONE

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Cell phones are an essential in today's modern society. They relieve the needs that the basic human brain struggle to do. However, one thing that also inevitably happens when someone uses a cell phone is distraction, which is exactly why many schools have a ban on cell phones during class time. While some teachers at Alhambra High School are more lenient on the use of cell phones, in the student handbook, cell phones are banned.

A 3-step procedure is taken place once a student's phone has been confiscated. The biggest worry is that students have is that the faculty and campus supervisors will breach the privacy of the student's cell phone however they are legally forbidden to look into a student's cell phones unless granted permission. "Faculty and campus supervisors are not allowed to look into phones unless granted permission, however, police officers are allowed to breach the privacy of a student's cell phone," assistant principal of student services Mr. Alas said.

The school policy ultimately receives criticism by students as some believe they do not cause distractions. "Cell phones are very useful in school as they are essentially little boxes of information that can open up a new world of information for students," senior Raymond Xie said. Some teachers on campus even let their students use cell phones in class when new information is needed. "I think cell phones are useful for educational purposes for example; research, diagrams, and calculations," said chemistry teacher Maria Martin.

Cell phones are inventions of the past that the future will improve upon. Cell phones improve many places that need technology like businesses and the government. The placement of cell phones in the classroom is controversial, but cell phones will be a big part of the future.

### NOT JUST FOR NERDS

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Websites and mobile applications are just some of the factors that reveal the importance of companies to adapt to our modern world. Sustaining this business will require a constant flow of technologically adept workers, which in turn will require technology-based education for the current generation of students. Schools around the nation are taking notice. The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) is one district which will focus on expanding computer science programs in the coming years. On Oct. 7, LAUSD announced a new partnership with educational organization Code.org. Together, the two seek to provide access to computer science education for all students in K-12, with special focus on the traditionally underrepresented groups of women and ethnic minorities. This will include incorporating computer science into middle school math and science curriculums, among other plans. LAUSD's goals mirror that of the College Board's recent AP Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Access program, which aims to increase the number of minority students involved in AP STEM courses. "I'm glad that our education system is expanding the computer science field because not only does it ensure students will be more prepared for the future, but it also gives more STEM career opportunities for minorities who tend to get overlooked. Personally, I would love it if AHS offered AP Computer Science," ASB Webmaster Kesia Eng said.

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