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Smartphones

Vendor	Model	URL	Carrier	Price*	OS	Desktop Compatibility
Blackberry	 7130	http://www.blackberry.com	Alltel, Cingular, Sprint, Verizon	\$479	Blackberry	Windows 98 or newer
Blackberry	 8700	http://www.blackberry.com	Cingular, T-Mobile	\$399	Blackberry	Windows 98 or newer
Hewlett-Packard	 iPAQ hw6515	http://www.hp.com	Cingular	\$449	Windows Mobile 2003	Windows 98 or newer
Motorola	 Moto Q	http://www.motorola.com	Verizon	\$299	Windows Mobile 5.0	Windows 2000 or newer
Nokia	 9300i	http://www.nokia.com	Cingular	\$349	Symbian OS 7	Windows 2000 or newer
Palm	 Treo 650	http://www.palm.com	Alltel, Cingular, Verizon	\$349	Palm OS	Macintosh 10.2 or newer, Windows 2000 or newer
Palm	 Treo 700p	http://www.palm.com	Sprint, Verizon	\$499	Palm OS	Macintosh 10.2 or newer, Windows 2000 or newer
Samsung	 SCH-i730	http://www.samsung.com	Verizon	\$399	Windows Mobile 2003	Windows 98 or newer
T-Mobile	 MDA	http://www.tmobile.com	T-Mobile	\$299	Windows Mobile 5.0	Windows 2000 or newer

The new generation of handheld computer/cell phone combos gives you an all-in-one tool to keep you connected to your students and teachers.

Many educators have come up with great ways to use smartphones,

from capturing assessment data on the fly, to taking pictures of student projects for electronic portfolios, and managing disciplinary data. You can find educational applications on the Web, and you can find enterprise solutions that can be custom-crafted to

work with your school's or district's data management system.

Choosing the right smartphone can be a challenge. Probably the first criterion you want to look at is carrier. Make sure the phone you need is supported by a carrier in your area.

Dimensions (in.)	Weight (oz.)	Camera	Built-in Memory	Removeable Memory	Wireless Connectivity	Talk Time (hrs.)	Standby (hrs.)
4.6 × 2.2 × 0.9	4.7	None	64 MB	None	Bluetooth	3	192
4.3 × 2.7 × 0.77	4.7	None	16 MB	None	Bluetooth	4	384
4.65 × 2.8 × 0.71	6.16	1.3 Megapixel	64 MB	MiniSD, SD	Bluetooth, IrDA	4	170
4.33 × 2.52 × 0.45	4.06	1.3 Megapixel	64 MB	MiniSD	Bluetooth, IrDA	4	212
5.2 × 2.01 × 0.83	5.89	None	80 MB	MMC	Bluetooth, IrDA	7	192
4.4 × 2.3 × 0.9	6.3	0.3 Megapixel	32 MB	MMC, SD, SDIO	Bluetooth	6 on GSM model, 5 on CDMA model	300 on GSM model, 336 on CDMA model
4.4 × 2.3 × 0.9	6.3	1.3 Megapixel	60 MB	MMC, SD, SDIO	Bluetooth	4.5	300
4.53 × 2.28 × 0.94	6.5	None	128 MB	MMC, SD	Bluetooth, IrDA, Wi-Fi	2.2	130
4.29 × 2.28 × 0.93	5.64	1.3 Megapixel	64 MB	MiniSD	Bluetooth, Wi-Fi	5	240

* Price listed is before carrier discounts, if any.

Next, you'll want to look at the type of computer and applications you'll be syncing with. Make sure the operating system on your smartphone will work with the operating system on your computer. Then, look at the applications that

are available. Search the Web to see which mobile OS has the applications you need.

Finally, go to a store and look at the phones. Hold each model and get an idea of what it will be like to talk, type messages or notes, and

use applications. You'll want one that feels comfortable and has a keyboard you can use. You're going to be using this phone a lot—you might as well pick one you like as well as one that fits your needs for platform, power, and price.