

Laptops are the single most reported distracter to both users and fellow students.

(Fried 2008, Zhu et al 2011)

Laptop & device use is negatively correlated with understanding of course material and overall course performance.

(Hembrooke & Gay 2003, Fried 2008, Patterson & Patterson 2017)

The negative effects of device use are the highest among males and low performing students

(Patterson & Patterson 2017)



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Students who use digital devices in class 'perform worse in exams'

by Richard Adams, 11 May 2016.

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN™ :

Students are Better Off without a Laptop in the Classroom

by Cindi May, 11 July 2017.

The Washington Post :

Why smart kids shouldn't use laptops in class

by Jeff Guo, 16 May 2016.

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