

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

By law, students are **not** allowed to bring to school any electronic devices such as **cell phones, beepers**. The use of recorders of any kind is not allowed in the school unless the teacher gives specific permission. No MP3 players, CD players or cell phones are to be brought to school or taken to class, for any reason. If equipment is required for a class, the school will provide it. **Laser pointers are not to be brought to school.**

Having said that, we know that a large majority of children do bring cell phones to school on a daily basis. Some have parent approval and some do not. The rule concerning cell phones at Roxbury Day Care Center will be as follows:

1. **Any cell phone brought to school must remain in the student's backpack during the entire scheduled before and after school times. No exceptions!** If you are concerned about security for the phone you should purchase a travel lock and have your child lock the phone in a zippered pouch in their backpack. The phone may not be out of the backpack for any reason.
 - If the phone is taken out of the backpack it will be confiscated. A parent will have to pick the phone up from the day care Lead Teacher.
 - If there is a second occurrence the phone will be taken away and the child will have to write an apology to the Roxbury Day Care Center. The apology will include why they are sorry as well as how they will make sure the rules are not broken in the future.
 - The third such incident of a phone being out of the backpack will result in a meeting involving parents and the Assistant Director and /or the Executive Director of the BASP program.
 - A fourth incident could result in suspension from the program for a time period to be determined.
 - A fifth incident could result in expulsion from the program.

If a child must call a parent or a parent needs to get in touch with their child, phones are provided at each site. For your convenience a list of each site's phone number:

The Methodist Church Site: 973-584-9671

Franklin Site: 973-584-0177

Jefferson Site: 973-584-9676

Kennedy Site: 973-927-8876

Lincoln Roosevelt Site: 973-584-1102

Nixon Site: 973-398-1575

Under no circumstances is a cell phone to be out of the student's backpack at any time while the student is in the BASP program.

In the past, we have found that many children view the phones as a toy or as a means to communicate with other students during the program. Many students just cannot avoid playing with the phone during this time and it becomes a distraction and a nuisance and possibly worse if the camera phone is used for inappropriate purposes.

Children, while in school, have been caught taking inappropriate pictures with camera phones, sending and receiving text messages while in class and making unnecessary phone calls while in the bathrooms or during recess. The schools have this policy in place to prevent the above listed incidences from occurring, as does The Roxbury Day Care Center Before and After School Program.

I have read the following Roxbury Day Care Center's policy regarding the use of electronic devices. I understand it and will abide by it.

Parent/Guardian Signature_____Date_____