

**CELL PHONES
AND OTHER ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES**

Cell phones and other electronic devices can be an extremely convenient, reassuring connection to loved ones, business associates, the day to day activities of a person's life. Unfortunately, they also have other effects. They can be distracting and disruptive, can signal inattention to the business at hand and interfere with most aspects of the program. Camera phones present a particular problem in a confidential therapeutic milieu. In order to protect the privacy and safety of all students and avoid disruption of the program, cell phones and other electronic communication devices cannot be an unplanned and unsupervised part of the Program day.

1. Cell phones (or other electronic communication devices) cannot be used during the school day by any student, for any reason, unless permission is given by classroom.
2. It is of particular importance that no device that can function as a camera is used to take pictures without the knowledge of those being photographed and proper safeguards.
3. If students bring cell phones to school, they must be managed according to individual and class rules.
4. If a student brings a cell phone to school, the number must be given to Clear View staff.
5. Any violation of the rules, including having the phone visible without permission, may result in the phone being taken away and returned to a parent.
6. Parents should be aware that Clear View cannot be responsible for electronic equipment of any kind that is brought to school, whether or not the rules are being followed.
7. Any electronic equipment that is the cause of persistent disruption will be taken away and returned to a parent. A conference will be held with the student and parent before the item will be allowed in school again.