

## Mobile Device

Dear parents/guardians:

RIT/NTID strives to ensure that your children have a high-quality immersive experience while with us at Explore Your Future.

To help ensure this, mobile devices are prohibited during Explore Your Future. We see many benefits of “unplugging,” including:

- The likelihood of devices becoming lost or stolen, or becoming damaged during the program significantly decreases;
- The likelihood of cyberbullying, inappropriate videos/photos being taken during the program also significantly decreases;
- A heightened sense of independence, resilience, and development of problem-solving skills as students get ready to embark on the next chapter of their lives;
- Meeting and getting to know others, and fostering friendships;
- Understanding and learning the importance of developing social skills without the interference of the digital world.

Please review our policy with your child. We look forward to having your child with us this summer!

Best,

Mark Sommer, Director

## Policy

There is a mobile phone/electronic device policy for all RIT/NTID Outreach programs.

As we understand students need to keep their mobile devices to and from the program (especially those who are traveling by plane, bus, or train without a parent/guardian), we will collect the students' mobile device during the first day of EYF at registration and return their devices on the final day of the program. If a student needs to use the internet, telephone, or a videophone to call home or check the status of their travel arrangements, we will arrange for this.

However, for the duration of the program, students are not permitted to possess a mobile/cell phone or any other electronic device for any reason on campus. Any student violating this policy will have their mobile/cell phone taken away until the last day of the program.

Note: if a mobile/cell phone is taken away, we will contact the parent/guardians to share the situation, and then lock it up for safekeeping until the end of the program.

If a device other than a mobile/cell phone is confiscated (such as an iPad, tablet, and the like) it will be shipped back, with insurance, to the students' home at the family's expense.

If you have any concerns, you can contact us at [EYFInfo@rit.edu](mailto:EYFInfo@rit.edu) or by telephone at 585-743-1366. By

signing this document, you agree to abide by the mobile/cell phone policy of Explore Your Future.

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Participant

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Date

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Parent/Guardian, if under 18

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Date