Phonak Roger Touchscreen Mic Small Group Mode Instructions

When students work in small groups, the noise level in the classroom often rises making it more difficult for students with hearing loss or auditory deficits to hear. The Small Group Mode setting on the Touchscreen Mic will allow the student wearing Roger receivers to hear the other students within the small group. The Small Group Mode of the Touchscreen Mic works best in a group of 2-5 students at a table or when seated in a small circle on the floor, with the Mic within 2-3 feet of the students. The Touchscreen Mic should be used within that small group setting to provide the student with access to peers and to hear themselves better.

Lanyard Mode

The Roger Touchscreen Mic is typically worn by the teacher for whole group instructional settings, with the lanyard placed around the neck and the Mic within about 8 inches from the mouth. The screen of the Touchscreen Mic should be facing out, as the three small holes on the front are the microphones. The adjustment strap on the backside of the device allows you to adjust the length by sliding the Mic up until it rests just below the collarbone. This strap is equipped with a breakaway feature for safety.

Small Group Mode

In order to activate the Small Group Mode on the Touchscreen Mic, the teacher should remove the device from around their neck using the adjustment strap and place it lying flat in the center of the table or in the center of the small group seated on the floor. An accelerometer in the device senses the movement and automatically activates the Small Group Mode setting. When the Touchscreen Mic is placed down flat, with the screen facing up; at the top of the display, you will see four green lights illuminated forming a circle. This indicates that the Small Group mode has automatically been activated. The three microphones now function as a rotating directional beam, and will automatically orient to the student who is talking within the small group. The technology will focus on the loudest speech within the small group, allowing the student wearing Roger receivers to hear each student as they speak. It will also allow students wearing DM receivers to hear themselves better in a background of noise.
Team Teaching

If more than one microphone is being used in the classroom (for team teaching or a sound field speaker system), **ONLY the Primary Touchscreen Mic can be used in the Small Group Mode.** The Primary Mic is identified by the number 1 in the upper left corner of the display screen. Similarly, the Secondary Mic is identified by the number 2 in the upper left corner of the display screen. The Secondary Mic in a Network CANNOT be used in Small Group Mode setting.

When the Small Group mode is activated by placing the Primary Touchscreen Mic flat on the table, **all other Secondary microphones in the MultiTalker Network will be automatically and temporarily disabled.** You will notice that all other transmitter mics will be flashing blue indicating that they are temporarily disabled.

*When Small Group work is finished, the teacher needs only to pick up the Touchscreen Mic and place the lanyard around their neck, adjusting the mic to the standard 8 inches from the mouth, the microphone automatically returns to whole group lanyard mode. All other Secondary Microphones will automatically be enabled.*

If you have any questions or challenges with the Roger Touchscreen Mic, please call the BOCES 2 Audiology Department at 352-2449.