

Texting/Cell Etiquette

- Exercise the Golden Rule - Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Speak with respect to one another on the phone or in a text. Remember, that there's another person on the receiving end of what you're sending.
- If the person that you're talking to can't hear you don't speak louder. Cell phones have microphones that are right at your mouth so the phone will carry your voice, no need to shout.
- Turn off your ringer in public places. Nothing is more annoying than a phone going off in a public place.
- Don't talk or text when you are in the company of someone else. It makes the person that you're with feel unimportant.
- Don't talk or text during 'quiet audience' events: movies, plays, church, weddings, funerals....
- Don't talk in a public place where others can hear your conversation. Exercise the 10 Foot Proximity Rule - keep a distance of 10 feet from the closest person when you're talking on the phone.
- Don't snap pictures or video someone without their permission. Just because there's a camera on your phone it doesn't give you the right to photograph someone. Don't post a picture of anyone on-line without their consent - it can lead to big trouble if you do.
- If you drop a call, call the person back.
- Don't text when you're angry. Anger can blind you and result in doing or saying things that you later regret. When you blast someone out of anger it can cause a lot of hurt or even more anger.
- Remember, the way you text is not the way you write an academic paper. U know what I mean? U need 2 B careful. Not a good habit 2 4m.

If you receive an inappropriate or concerning message, take a picture of it and share with a trusted adult!