**Advisory Lesson on cellphone etiquette.**

***Feel free to adapt this lesson however you would like. Add your own questions, have your own discussions, etc.***

**Opening:**

Have a quick discussion with your advisory students about cellphones and smartphones.

Some discussion topics may include:

* How often do you use your phone a day?
* Could you live without your phone? Why or why not?
* How has the use of smartphones changed how we communicate with each other?

**Lesson:**

Show your class this video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OINa46HeWg8&feature=share&list=PLbpi6ZahtOH69YcExBfZj727JYR9IYT49>

After viewing video, ask “how many of you are guilty of one of doing one of the things shown in the video?

Would you consider this behavior acceptable? Rude? Why or why not?

Then discuss these rules for cellphone etiquette:

1. Lower your voice when taking calls in public.
2. Keep your phone on silent when in a movie theatre, meeting, or event that cannot be interrupted.
   1. Also, when in a movie theatre, avoid looking at your phone, or at the very least, turn the brightness down, as not to distract others.
3. Avoid taking calls and answering texts when engaged in face-to-face conversation. If you must take it, ask to excuse yourself politely.
4. Don’t text and walk. Just like texting and driving, texting and walking can pose a hazard. It keeps you from being able to pay attention to your surroundings.
5. Avoid personal topics when others can hear you.
6. Follow other’s rules when it comes to cellphone use. For example, in the classroom and on planes.
7. Avoid being on your phone when at a restaurant or talking to someone at the DMV, Customer service at Wal Mart, etc.

**Closing:**

Then ask your students some ways they can curb cellphone use.