

**TITLE: Attitude Overdrive**

**OBJECTIVES:**

Students will watch the NSTeens video "Attitude Overdrive" and discuss appropriate conduct while gaming online.

**Lesson time – 25 minutes**

**ITEMS NEEDED:**

- Attitude Overdrive video
- Chalkboard

**DISCUSS WITH STUDENTS:**

Discuss online gaming with your students.

Do any of you play online games? Do you ever talk to other people while gaming? What kinds of personal information have you heard players share online? Has anyone in a game ever made you feel uncomfortable? Is anyone ever mean or rude to you? Has anyone ever offered you anything in a game that sounded too good to be true? Have you ever felt tempted to click on an advertisement for free giveaways and prizes? Allow time for discussion and let students share their experiences with the class.

**SHOW THE VIDEO: Attitude Overdrive**

**ACTIVITY:** After watching "Attitude Overdrive" and ask students: What does "etiquette" mean? (proper behavior). We're going to come up with a set of rules for gaming etiquette. How do you think gamers should behave online?

Be sure to include rules for each of the following categories and designate a student to write the class's answers on a chalkboard/whiteboard:

**Sharing personal information –**

- Choose gender-neutral, appropriate screennames;
- use voice-mask so other gamers don't know your age or gender;
- don't share personal information through game chat features;
- don't share account details, like passwords, with other gamers.

**Dealing with uncomfortable situations –**

- If something happens that makes you feel scared or uncomfortable, tell an adult you trust;
- never agree to meet a fellow gamer offline if you do not know them in person.

**Dealing with "griefers" (gaming cyberbullies) –**

- Ignore them; block or mute them; save the evidence;
- delete current accounts and open new ones; report the griefer to the gaming service or website;
- talk to a trusted adult; don't be a griefer yourself;
- think about what you say and do!

**Dealing with offers and advertisements –**

- Don't accept offers or deals from advertisements and other gamers;
- keep your personal and financial information private;

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- *tell a trusted adult or the site moderator about the offer; remember,*
- *if it seems too good to be true, it probably is.*

**BE SURE:** to fill out the Safe Environment Education of Children, Youth and Parents Form and leave in the receptacle in the office. Thank you

Thank you for all of your efforts in keeping young people safe!