**Finding a Source of Friends**

*\*\*Important Reminder: Friendship is a choice. We don’t get to be friends with everyone and everyone doesn’t get to be friends with us.*

**Clues about finding Social Groups and Common Interests**

\*Appearance, clothing, hair. \*Their interests, what they talk about.

\*What they do during free time. \*Who they hang out with.

\*Where they hang out. \*Social activities they belong to.

**Social Groups**

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| Jocks/athletesSports teamsSports fansCheerleadersPopularStudent governmentDrama/theater artsChoir/chorus/Glee clubMusiciansArtistsRavers/partiersPreppiesBookwormsHistory buffsAnimal lovers/pet loversEquestrians | Computer geeks/techiesScience geeks/ITRobotic clubSci-fi geeksTrekkiesComic book geeks/anime geeksCosplayersLARPersMath geeks/mathletesNewsiesMovie buffs/movie geeksBand geeksChess Club/Chess TeamGothsEmosBikers | Gamers/videogame geeksNerdsBrainsHip HopMetalheadsSkatersSurfersHipstersHippies/granolasDebate club/debate teamPolitical groupsMilitary groupsEthnic groups/cultural groupsReligious GroupsLGBTMotorheads/Gearheads |

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| **Signs you are accepted** | **Signs you are not accepted** |
| They seek you out to do things individually or in the group | They do not seek you out to do things |
| They talk to you and respond to your attempts to talk | They ignore you and/or do not respond to your attempts |
| They give you their contact information | They do not give you their contact information |
| They ask for your contact information | They do not ask for your contact information |
| They text message, instant message, email or call you just to talk | They do not text message, instant message, email, or call you |
| They respond to your text messages, instant messages, emails or phone calls | They do not accept or return your calls or messages |
| They invite you to do things | They do not invite you to do things |
| They accept your invitations to do things | They do not accept your invitations or put off your invitations to do things |
| They add you to their social networking pages | They ignore your friend requests on social networking sites |
| They say nice things to you and give you compliments | They laugh at you or make fun of you |