**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/athletes  Sports teams  Sports fans  Cheerleaders  Popular  Student government  Drama/theater arts  Choir/chorus/Glee club  Musicians  Artists  Ravers/partiers  Preppies  Bookworms  History buffs  Animal lovers/pet lovers  Equestrians | Computer geeks/techies  Science geeks/IT  Robotic club  Sci-fi geeks  Trekkies  Comic book geeks/anime geeks  Cosplayers  LARPers  Math geeks/mathletes  Newsies  Movie buffs/movie geeks  Band geeks  Chess Club/Chess Team  Goths  Emos  Bikers | Gamers/videogame geeks  Nerds  Brains  Hip Hop  Metalheads  Skaters  Surfers  Hipsters  Hippies/granolas  Debate club/debate team  Political groups  Military groups  Ethnic groups/cultural groups  Religious Groups  LGBT  Motorheads/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 |