



# MIDDLE SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY

## CONVERSATION GUIDE **FOR SGLS**

**SIXTH GRADERS MIGHT SEEM TECH SAVVY, BUT THEY'RE NOT LIFE SAVVY YET.** It can be a really hilarious, awesome experience for your few, but it can also start to get a little more serious in this phase. We want to help you keep the conversation going by giving you some words to say and not to say.

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### WHAT **TO** SAY

- "What kinds of devices do you have? What are your favorite apps?"
  - "I want you to be able to ask me anything about your phone, apps, websites—any form of technology."
  - "What's your name on Instagram/Twitter/Snapchat etc.? We should follow each other so we can connect outside of group."
  - "Do you know that everything you put online, post, text or tweet is public? Nothing online is private."
  - "Have you run into any jerks online lately? Read or seen anything that made you feel badly or uncomfortable?"
  - "What kinds of apps do your friends have?"
  - "Treating others the way you want to be treated goes for technology too. Don't post or say anything that you wouldn't want said or posted about you."
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### WHAT **NOT** TO SAY

- "You guys don't need phones. I didn't have one when I was your age."
  - "Social media is a great place to have a conversation you don't want to have in person."
  - "You're smarter than I am about that stuff. You'll figure it out by yourself."
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**Your students are entering the much bigger world of technology. They're now connected to people and information at the touch of a finger. This can be a super fun time, but can also become dangerous quickly. Stay informed. Stay involved. And keep the conversation going.**

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