

Teens and Technology

Discussion Questions Following an Assembly

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Cyberbullying

How bad is cyberbullying at our school? Be honest.

Why do you think kids cyberbully others?

Is your school doing a good job dealing with it? Why or why not? What should they be doing?

If our school had an anonymous way to report cyberbullying, would you use it? If it does, do you?

Have you ever tried to help someone online or offline who was being picked on?

How did it go? What keeps you from intervening?

What keeps you from reporting inappropriate online behavior when you see it?

Are there any warning signs for cyberbullying?

What keeps you from reaching out for assistance?

Do you talk to your parents about your social media usage? How so?

List three specific ways YOU can help a friend who is being cyberbullied.

List three specific ways YOU can help the school to prevent cyberbullying.

How can we get kids to be more resilient, and deflect haters?

Digital Reputation

What apps are currently gaining in popularity, and what apps are losing popularity among your peers?

How have your online activities changed since you were younger?

Is it fair to say that your actions on social media reflect well on your family, friends and school?

Do you personally know anyone who regretted posting something on social media? Have you? Why?

Do you know how to set up proper privacy settings every site or app you use?

How many friends and followers do you have on each social media platform?

How well do you know all of your friends and followers? Does it matter?

Think of all of the pictures and videos you have posted online. What do they say about you? Are you ok if your future college admissions people see your wall? What about future employers?

Have you ever been tagged in a photo that portrayed you in a negative or unflattering way? What was your response?

Have you ever found something online about yourself that surprised you or that you didn't expect?

Has any of your accounts ever been hacked? Have you ever been locked out of one? What did you do? How did you deal with it? What was it like?

Have you ever come across something or someone online that made you feel uncomfortable? What did you do about it? Did you tell anyone?

Do you ever feel like your friends are "trying too hard" to look or come across a certain way on social media? What about you?

Is there a relationship between how much time a person spends on social media, and an inevitable lack of discretion? Are you addicted to your phone on *some level*?

Romantic Relationships and Technology

Do you think that social media has influenced how we view (and relate to) the girls or boys we are romantically interested in? If so, how?

Some argue that sexting contributes to the objectification of teens, and that another person might then subconsciously consider them (or even you) as "possessions" to exploit. Is there truth to this? Should teens even care?

Have you ever felt pressure to engage in sexting? How can you turn down a sexting request?

What would you do if you received a sext of someone you know? Can you get in trouble simply for having it on your device?

Have you ever been in a relationship where a boyfriend or girlfriend tried to control, hurt, embarrass, or otherwise demonstrate power over you using technology? Why do you think this happens, and why do teens tolerate it in their relationships?

