

Friendships

A guide to student relationships

You might notice

Friends are starting to become more important

Friends have a bigger influence than before

Friend groups change frequently

Friendships could look like:

A squad.
(A large group of friends with similar interests)

Three to four close friends

1 BFF they are always with

Flying solo.
(Some students decide it's not worth the drama)

Remember:



Remember You are and will still be the biggest ongoing influence in who your student becomes.



You play a crucial role in teaching and coaching your student on friendships.

How can you help?

- Use your car. You decide who you will (and won't) drive them to hang out with (ex. school clubs/sports/friends)
- Sign them up for activities with friends you already know and trust, and whose families have the same spiritual beliefs as yours.
- Whenever possible, host their friends at your house! Invite your student's small group over!
- Develop a code word your student can use when they're asking for something in front of other people that they actually want you to say no to.

Hot tip:

When it comes to friend drama... Try not to step in and save them. You could unintentionally communicate that you don't think they can handle it. Instead, be more of a coach and talk the through it, making sure your student understands they can come to you with anything!

OUR FRIENDS DETERMINE THE DIRECTION AND QUALITY OF OUR LIVES

THAT'S TRUE FOR US AND THE STUDENT'S WE LOVE. SO, TEAR OFF THIS PART OF THE PAGE, TAKE YOUR STUDENT OUT FOR A TREAT (COFFEE, DESSERT, ETC), AND TALK ABOUT WHAT QUALITIES THEY'RE LOOKING FOR IN A GOOD FRIEND. HAVE THEM FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW WITH WORDS THAT DESCRIBE A GREAT FRIEND, AND SAVE THIS SO YOU CAN REVISIT THE CONVERSATION LATER.

