

# Ci3T Connect with Kids Social Skill Lessons at the Middle School Level

I'm Cicily Rights. I work at \_\_\_\_\_. We used Connect with Kids, the videos and discussions, as part of our Ci3T framework. I used it in my advisory. In the past what I found to be successful is that I'll play the video and then when it's time to discuss, I used it as a time where the students teach me and give me their point of view. That especially works with the social media videos and so it's been interesting. I've learned a lot and they tend to open up and share and teach me what they know and teach me what they think should be happening with social media and so good conversation. I usually go through and then I'll ask them the preset questions. We'll play the video watch together a lot of time we'll buddy up with another classroom. And then the other teacher and I will ask them the preset questions and then that kind of breaks the ice a bit and then from then on we let them fill any holes or anything that they think they feel should be shared. A lot of times we'll do a follow-up discussion and yes... I can the students will mention how they've either applied something or they thought about something dealing with social media. Hi, I'm Neal Ballard and I teach ELA (6th grade ELA) at \_\_\_\_\_ and our success with Connect with Kids come through the follow-up discussions that we have after we watched the initial videos. Dealing with various social and behavioral issues that middle school students will encounter and throughout the middle school years. We use the follow-up questions that come with the videos to spark conversations that we have with our kids and to also then spark the interaction that the kids have with each other and of course we can build off their comments and their questions. We have found that it is beneficial for us to combine classes. We'll put 2 or 3 advisories together and really that allows for a greater interaction between students and you get more input and variety from a lot of different kiddos. We do them three times each month. Hi, I'm Katherine Dillon. I work at \_\_\_\_\_. I teach 6th grade and I've used Connect with Kids as our social skills program. With my students I've had them journal before and after we watch some videos to give them some down time to think through their responses before leading a whole class discussion. I have also worked in conjunction with other teachers. We'll combine our classes. They watch videos together and in order to get multiple perspectives and just have a wider reach of students to contribute to the discussion. Usually, I'll take a peek of the discussion questions that come afterwards and I'll pick two or three that I think they can relate too. I'll have them journal their answers or their thoughts after watching the video and I think it just gives them some time to think to themselves before they get asked to share with the whole group. When multiple videos connect to each other and they'll say oh yeah we talked about this on Monday or whatever. They'll bring back responses that they had a few days prior.