

## tik talk.

"I can't wait until I get big and act like I don't know y'all."  
- Jhael Greer, 9

"We all started making them ironically now we're all addicted."  
- Kendall Gately, 10

"I hate it now because everyone is talking about it all the time. It's annoying and the videos can be cringey."  
- Jayden Manderson, 10

"At first I thought it was stupid, but everyone around me was on it and I ended up getting addicted."  
- Melissa Matos, 12

"Some people say Tik Tok is childish, but I still play with legos."  
- Jake Hinton, 10

# goin' viral

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## Tik Tok leads social media video trend

With five minutes left in culinary class, junior Eve Freeman decided that she, junior Ryan Davadilla and senior Jake Ferry would learn a Tik Tok dance. After a few takes, they recorded the renegade dance.

As a social media platform, Tik Tok allowed people to create short videos at places such as school, restaurants and even public bathrooms.

"It's fun and something to do with friends when there's nothing else to do, and teachers are usually amused by it," Freeman said.

Sophomore Payton Wickizer was known for her planned-out dance videos in public spaces.

"Mariela Alvarez and I were making a Tik Tok during UCA camp in the bathroom, and Coach Fish walked in and watched us," Wickizer said. "It was kind of embarrassing, but we wanted to finish the video."

Although some went out of their comfort zones to create trending videos in public, senior Justice Weaver preferred to create videos at home.

Weaver watched his

friends make Tik Tok, and they soon inspired him to get the app. He started out just watching the 'For You' page when he was bored. Eventually, Weaver gained popularity for a Tik Tok that made fun of Cardi B.

"Going on the For You page is fun," Weaver said. "I got grounded for a bit, and all I did was make Tik Toks."

Junior Jayden Sherfield took a different approach to his viral videos. After he quit basketball, he got a new hobby recording and editing his own videos.

"I like music a lot, and editing allows me to show how I feel about music with dance moves and colored effects," Sherfield said.

His 11,000 followers regularly supported him, making him more dedicated to get better at his editing.

Juniors Julia Johnson and Skyler Diserafino also appreciated the support from fans after one of their videos went viral.

"It's kinda weird to read the comments and see people use our dances, but at the same time a lot of people are supporting you," Johnson said.



**tesla time** For his Instagram account, junior Jayden Sherfield records a dancing video in front of his friend's Tesla. Sherfield had 11,000 followers despite only starting the account in 2019. photo by Kayla Ramos



**don't judge** Junior Eve Freeman makes a Tik Tok at home to lighten up her mood after a stressful day of testing. "It's a platform where you can really just be yourself and not really have to worry about people judging you," Freeman said. photo by Mia Campese

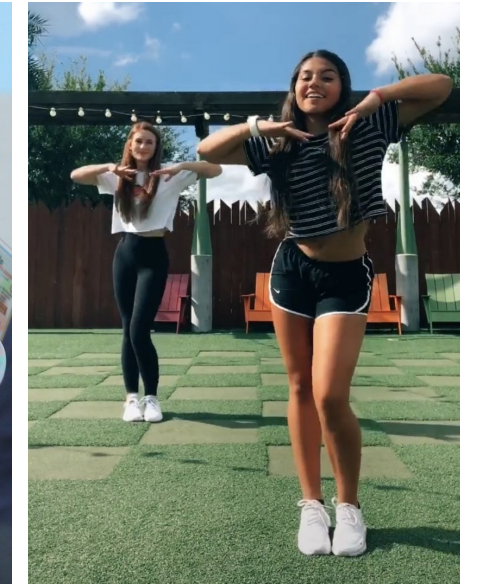
**say cheese** Trying to grow their Tik Tok accounts, sophomores Payton Wickizer and Mariela Alvarez make a quick Tik Tok during a football game. "I like the social part, the comments and meeting people through the app," Wickizer said. photo by Mia Campese



# 2.1m

How senior Artie Nayak became Tik Tok famous

- Nayak went from 25 followers to 32,000 after posting a video of friend Blake Grose recreating a popular sound, which got 2.1 million views.
- Nayak used his friend's sound on the app with his voice and beating on trash cans.
- "It was pretty cool to blow up, but it didn't do much, like those are just numbers," Nayak said.



**viral dancers** Co-owning a Tik Tok account, juniors Julia Johnson and Skyler Diserafino post popular dance videos. "I like finding new locations and doing new dances, but the best part is seeing it get big," Johnson said. photo provided by Julia Johnson

## tok types



### funny.

"It's cool to make something and see the reaction to it, people think it's funny."

- Ethan Hunt, 12  
photo provided by Ethan Hunt



### lip sync.

"It's fun to memorize and easier to make than the dancing videos."

- Jenna Martin, 9  
photo by Mia Campese



### dance.

"We did this just to have some fun. I even taught my friend Seth how to video it."

- Lauren Tulp, 11  
photo provided by Lauren Tulp