

# **Six things to do to encourage boys to respect and appreciate girls and women in STEM<sup>1</sup>**

- 1. Always make it clear that both girls and boys can achieve excellence in STEM subjects and careers.**
- 2. Use examples of both women and men in STEM when speaking about careers.**
- 3. Use teaching materials with positive illustrations of women scientists in them.**
- 4. Don't use male pronouns (he or him) when talking with boys generically about scientists, engineers or mathematicians.**
- 5. Challenge gendered stereotypes on TV and other media that depict women scientists as being unattractive.**
- 6. Encourage boys to read about the achievements of famous women scientists and mathematicians.**



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<sup>1</sup> STEM = Science, Technology, Mathematics and Engineering

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