Experiential Education: Getting Outside the Classroom

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WHY

What we were looking for

- ☐ Learning without worrying about grades
- \square A change of pace, a break from traditional school
- ☐ A chance to develop skills in collaboration, creativity
- ☐ Exposure to something they wouldn't normally do or something into which they want to dive deeper
- An opportunity for students to see teachers in a different light

Where we started

Enrichment Weeks (E-Weeks)

A week long pause from regular classes so students can explore a topic of their choice.

Requirements

All academic classes must stop. No long term assignments can be due immediately upon returning.

Each activity must meet for an equivalent of 3 hours per day.

Review August 2017

Questions?

Results?

Problems?

What do you want to sign up for?

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DIVE DAYS

BUILD
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What does / could this look like at your school?