

# EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

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## ASSETS

**0.5 credit, grades 9-12**

**Prerequisite: Review and sign a “Course Information Sheet”.** Conflict and problem solving are an inescapable part of our daily lives and an inevitable result of our highly competitive, complex, and stressful society. Learning how to effectively work with conflict and solve problems is an essential life skill needed by every person or group regardless of one’s age, social role, profession, cultural background, or beliefs. In “ASSETS”, students will practice managing intra and interpersonal conflicts throughout Lake Orion High School and learn that success and quality life depends on healthy people, families, organizations and their ability to manage conflict.

## CHALLENGES

**0.5 credit, grades 11-12**

**Prerequisite: Application process.** The **CHALLENGES** program provides an experiential, adventure based approach to learning. Daily activities highlight the following: team cooperation, problem solving, self confidence, communication, motivation, responsibility, self reliance, critical thought, reflection, group discussion and journal writing. Most activities occur outside the traditional classroom using high and low rope elements. Student’s individual achievements are the basis for assessment.

## CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

**0.5 credit, grades 9-12**

**Prerequisites: Successful completion of “ASSETS”.** Conflict Management continues the practices of “ASSETS” by expanding on conflict management, communication, and listening skills. Students will gain the opportunity to advance their skills by assisting peers within school to manage or resolve conflicts. Conflict Management is also a forum for creating and implementing solutions, plans, or activities to reduce negative situations like harassment and fighting in our school. Through effective practice, graduates of the Conflict Management program will be able to utilize their skills and experiences to help them continue managing intra and interpersonal conflicts.

## >!< (TRANS)

**0.5 credit, grade 9**

>!< has been specially designed for 9<sup>th</sup> graders in order to prepare them for the challenges that lie ahead at Lake Orion High School. The focus of >!< is on easing the student’s transition to high school by increasing their inter/intra personal skills, promoting and developing effective group skills, and facilitating individual growth. By utilizing Lake Orion High School’s challenge course, students will partake in a variety of group initiative activities, goal setting, low ropes course elements, and reflection in order to facilitate learning on many levels. As a result, many connections with the student’s world both inside and outside of school may be developed and enhanced.