



Connections Idea of the Week



Title/Skill:	Hula Hoop Tic Tac Toe
Connection Goal:	Personalization
Grade Level:	9-12
Month:	
Time Needed:	15 minutes

Handouts/Materials: 9 hula hoops, 6 towels or shirts in two different colors.

Summary of Activity for the Advisor:

1. Split students into 2 teams
2. Assemble 9 hula hoops in the form of a tic tac toe grid.
3. Line students from each team up with an equal distance between them and the hula hoop grid
4. The X and O of tic-tac toe are replaced by colored towels--one color for each team and one shirt for each member (if teams are larger than 3, the first three teammates in line will get the towels).
5. The two teams compete via a relay race, placing one shirt one at a time in hula hoops that are arranged on the floor.
6. If all six towels are placed down but no team has won, the players continue by moving one shirt at a time to a different spot until a team has won.
7. Play continues until a team wins.
8. Continue with multiple rounds

Read/Review/Discuss/Do with students:

- What was most challenging about this activity?
- How did the group decide how to approach the challenge?
- What strategies did the group consider, and which worked well?
- How did you feel during the activity?