



Connections Activity



Title/Skill:	Pipelines
Connection Goal:	Personalization
Grade Level:	9-12
Month:	
Time Needed:	

Handouts/Materials Provided:

Pieces of PVC pipe

Assorted, different sized balls (golfballs, bouncy balls, marbles, etc)

Mug or plastic cup

Summary of Activity for the Advisor:

1. Lay all of the different sized balls/marbles on the floor.
 2. Set up a cup approximately 20 feet away.
 3. Ask students to choose which balls they will be transferring to the cup. Use a metaphor to instruct the students to transfer a set amount of balls into the mug. For example, "You have to choose 10 of these students (balls) to get to graduation (the mug). Or, choose 7 subjects (balls) to raise to an A (getting in the mug)."
 4. Have students choose a random piece of PVC piping. Then have them trade this pipe with someone else in the group. Repeat until everyone has a piece of PVC.
 5. Instruct students that they must transfer the balls across the course and into the mug.
 - Pipes cannot touch each other.
 - Anyone with the ball/marble in their pipe cannot move their feet.
 6. For large groups, break into 2 or 3 groups and use just one mug in the center.
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Read/Review/Discuss/Do with students:

- At the end, you can pour out the marbles, and using your original metaphor, ask students to explain what they see. For example, put 4 golf balls in front of the one marble. "What do you see here?"
- Ask students to break down what strategies were effective and which were ineffective.