

Pilot Name: ExCEL (Experiences Create Excellent Leaders)

School/District Name: Lee Academy

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Overview:

The Lee Academy ExCEL program will provide opportunities for students to participate in authentic and relevant learning experiences, develop goals for being successful in school and post-graduation, and work to achieve these goals. This experiential program will have two pathways, and students may participate in one or both. The Experiential Pathway will focus on alternative education strategies for students that may struggle in the traditional school setting. Students following this path will work with instructors to develop education and career goals, learn more about career opportunities through real-life experiences, and create and complete a learning plan to prepare for potential careers. Students in this pathway will be provided with a strong network of academic, social, and emotional support to help them overcome the challenges they have been encountering with school.

The Outdoor Leadership pathway will be an immersive outdoor and environmental educational experience. Students in this pathway will complete a series of service-learning projects to strengthen problem solving, communication, collaboration, and leadership skills. They will participate in challenging outdoor activities to build resilience. In this pathway, students will also be connected to career opportunities, develop applicable work skills, and discover how they can contribute to Maine's flourishing outdoor economy and support their local communities.

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