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Deep Dives
These allow students to dive deeper into certain concepts by participating in various experiences such as Creative Writing, Public Speaking, Project History, and creating the daily video announcements.

Explorations
These are opportunities for students to explore and discover new passions. Examples of explorations offered include: Yoga, Theater, Football, Theater, String Art and Robotics just to name a few.

20Time Project
Every student at the Innovation Academy is tasked with the challenge of creating something life-changing using the design thinking process. Students have an entire year to work on their chosen project.

Students at the Innovation Academy are able to take part in cross curricular projects with various grade levels such as the 7th grade Constitutional convention (pictured above). This project is a culminating assignment for ELA and Social Studies where students are to take ideas from various dystopian novels as well as government concepts learned in social studies to create and argue for a new government structure for their society whose government has fallen. As the 7th graders partake in an argumentative discussion, 8th graders look on and sit as committee members to ask questions and decide which faction's government would work best for the new society.

The Innovation Academy at Western Peaks Elementary School is open to 6-8th grade students

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