



Who We Are

An inquiry into the nature of the self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities, and cultures; rights and responsibilities; what it means to be human.

1st planner

Central Idea:
Communities affect behavior

Lines of Inquiry:

- Rights and responsibilities of citizenship (Responsibility)
- Roles within communities (Function)
- Behaviors and traits (Causation)

Where We Are In Place and Time

An inquiry into orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes and journeys; the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationships between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilizations, from local and global perspectives.

4th planner

Central Idea:
Systems have related parts that work together

Lines of Inquiry:

- Parts of systems (Form)
- Relationships in systems (Connection)
- Varieties of systems (Function)

How We Express Ourselves

An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs and values; the ways in which we reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity; our appreciation of the aesthetic.

3rd planner

Central Idea:
People create through form and structure

Lines of Inquiry:

- Different forms of expression (Perspective)
- Structure (Connection)
- Inspiration for expression (Reflection)

How the World Works

An inquiry into the natural world and its laws; the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies; how humans use their understanding of scientific principles; the impact of scientific and technological advances on society and on the environment.

5th planner

Central Idea:
Science changes society

Lines of Inquiry:

- Technology (Change)
- Weather (Perspective)
- Energy (Connection)

How We Organize Ourselves

An inquiry into the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities; the structure and function of organizations; societal decision-making; economic activities and their impact on humankind and the environment.

6th planner

Central Idea:
Producers and consumers affect the environment

Lines of Inquiry:

- Interdependence (Connection)
- Human and environmental changes (Change)
- Financial literacy (Function)

Sharing the Planet

An inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and with other living things; communities and the relationships within and between them; access to equal opportunities; peace and conflict resolution.

2nd planner

Central Idea:
Location impacts people

Lines of Inquiry:

- landforms (Form)
- Resources (Change)
- Human and natural effects (Connection)