



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:

Differences promote individuality

Lines of Inquiry:

- Physical characteristics (Form)
- Different abilities (Change)
- Feelings (Perspective)
- Emotions (Responsibility)

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.

Central Idea:

Resources influence people's lifestyles

Lines of Inquiry:

- Shelter (Form)
- Transportation (Change)
- Resources (Causation)

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.

4th planner

Central Idea:

Patterns help us understand the world around us

Lines of Inquiry:

- Celebrations and symbols (Function)
- Science and Nature (Change)
- Art and Literature (Form)

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.

Central Idea:

Changes in our natural world affect our daily lives

Lines of Inquiry:

- Seasonal changes (Change)
- How weather affects people (Causation)
- How we experience weather through our senses (Function)

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.

2nd planner

Central Idea:

Citizens have roles and responsibilities in communities

Lines of Inquiry:

- Communities (Connection)
- Roles and Responsibilities (Responsibility)
- Tools and Equipment (Function)
- Transportation (Change)

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.

3rd planner

Central Idea:

Choices impact our planet

Lines of Inquiry:

- Natural resources (Causation)
- Personal/Family choices (Responsibility)
- Community impacts (Reflection)