



Higher Learning Academy

Program of Inquiry- Central Ideas

Grade	Who We Are	Where We Are In Place And Time	How We Express Ourselves	How The World Works	How We Organize Ourselves	Sharing The Planet
Descriptors	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.	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.	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	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.	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.	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
TK	Friends and Family are important to support us become part of the community.		Understanding myself and others help me grow.		Transportation methods change based on people's needs within their community.	The world is full of living things.
Kinder	Understanding others impacts relationships and personal well-being.	An exploration of our orientation in place and time.	Nature provides living things with what they need to survive.	All living things have a life cycle.	Roles and rules shape a community.	People interact with environments in different ways.
Grade 1	People with diverse identities, cultures, and beliefs come together to form communities.	Peoples' locations in place and time impact their lives.	People draw on physical experience, culture, and the arts to make sense of the world around us.	The natural world has observable patterns that are repeated.	People have needs and wants that must be met by their environment or social systems.	Living things are interconnected within ecosystems on which we all depend for resources.
Grade 2	Many things contribute to our humanity.	People and places change over time.	Ideas, cultures, and traditions are expressed in creative ways.	Earth's systems affect communities.	People create or join organizations to meet needs or solve problems.	People, plants, and animals have interdependent relationships on our planet.
Grade 3	Living things adapt their traits in order to survive in an environment.	People migrate to explore and discover new opportunities.	All people express themselves through their beliefs, cultures, and the arts.	Patterns of change can be used to make predictions.	Human-made systems allow communities and nations to be organized.	The planet provides finite resources to living things.
Grade 4	Histories and traditions create interconnections that shape individuals through conquest, colonization, and migration.	As societies grow or expand, communities of people are effected in different ways.	Creative expression provides ways for people to communicate ideas and emotions.	The structures of the Earth impact human and the environment.	People organize themselves for social, economic and religious reasons.	The use of energy impacts the planet.
Grade 5	Societies face a variety of challenges when striving for independence.	Our world is full of interacting systems.	Legislative processes are used to express ideas, beliefs, and values.	Understanding how people affect and protect Earth's water resources.	Societies faced various issues through immigration and colonization.	Biodiversity relies on maintaining the interdependent balance of organisms within systems.