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	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
Notre Dame Lower Division: - DESCRIPTORS	1.) An inquiry into the nature of the self, JK-3, JK-4, 3 2.) Beliefs and values, 4th , Spanish 3.) Personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; 1st and P.E. 4.) Human relationships including families, friends, communities, and cultures; 2nd , 3rd, and Spanish 5.) Rights and responsibilities; 5th 6.) What it means to be human K, Spanish	1.) An inquiry into orientation in place and time; 2nd 2.) Personal histories; K, 1st 3.) Homes and journeys; K, 4th 4.) The discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; 5th 5.) The relationships between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilization, form local and global perspectives. 1st, 3rd, and Library,	1.) An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs, and values; JK-3,JK-4 K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, Art, Music, and Library 2.) The ways in which we reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity; 3rd, Art and Music 3.) Our appreciation of the aesthetics Art and Music	1.) An inquiry into the natural world and it's laws; JK-3, 1st 2.) The interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies; JK-4 3.) How humans use their understanding of scientific principles; K, 2nd, 3rd and 5th 4.) The impact on scientific and technological advances on society and on the environment. 4th and computers	1.) An inquiry into the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities; 1st 2.) The structure and function of organizations; JK-3, K and 2nd 3.) Societal decision-making; 5th 4.) Economic activities and their impact on humankind and the environment. 3rd and 4th	1.) An inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other living things; 1st, 2nd and 4th 2.) Communities and the relationship within and between them; JK-4, K, and 3rd 3.) Access to equal opportunities; 5th , 4th 4.) Peace and conflict resolution 5th

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Junior Kindergarten 3 year olds

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Descriptor	An inquiry into the nature of the self		An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas.	An inquiry into the natural world and its laws	An inquiry into the structure and function of societies	
Central Idea	Play is used to express our feelings and ideas to come to new understandings		Stories and nursery rhymes are created to express the human experience	Physical features determine means of survival	The structure and function of the classroom provides opportunity for unity and safety	
Concepts	Responsibilities Perspective Reflection		Form Connection Function	Function Form Change	Causation Function Perspective	
Related Concepts	Relationships, communication consequences teamwork		Similarities Differences Values	Information Properties Comparison Consequences	Behavior Roles Growth	
Lines of Inquiry	Roles and responsibilities are discovered during play (Responsibility) Play develops relationship and creates a sense of identity (Perspective) Play helps express emotion and problem solve (Reflection)		People choose different forms of media to express their creativity (form) Hearing stories provides an appreciation of similarities and differences between all humans' experience. (connection) Storytellers play a role in the development of cultural traditions (Function)	Animal characteristics help them to live in their environment (Function) Animals can be classified by characteristics (Form) Changes in the environment can impact animal populations (Change)	What it means to be safe (Causation) Procedures that keep us safe (Function) Adults within the school that are responsible for our safety (Perspective)	
Learner Profile	Reflection Caring Open-Minded		Communicator Risk-Taker	Inquirer Thinker Knowledgeable	Principled Balanced	
Attitudes	Empathy, Tolerance, Integrity, and Cooperation		Appreciation, Creativity, and Confidence	Curiosity Commitment Enthusiasm	Respect Independence	
Phase	Phases 2-3 RESEARCH UNIT		Phase 4	Phase 5 and 6	Phase 1	

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Junior Kindergarten 4 year olds



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Descriptor	An inquiry into the nature of self.		An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs, and values.	An inquiry into the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies.		An inquiry into communities and the relationship within and between them.
Central Idea	Exploring similarities and differences help form new perspectives of who we are.		Play is a way to express and explore ideas, feelings and emotions	The Earth's natural cycles influence the activity of living things		Animals exist in environments all around us.
Concepts	Perspective Function Form		Causation Function Connection	Connection Change Causation		Connection Form Function
Related Concepts	Similarities, differences, pattern, behavior, role, communication, truth, and beliefs		Behavior, communication, role, consequences, sequence, rights, citizenship and values	Growth Patterns Cycles Behavior impact		Differences Roles Relationships
Lines of Inquiry	Families come in different shapes and sizes (Form) Feelings make us human (Perspective) *Differences make each person unique (Connection)		Opportunities allow for creative expression and imagination through play. (Causation) Play impacts the development of fine motor skills and gross motor skills. (Connection) Social and emotional well-being may occur through play. (Function)	Impacts of Earth's natural cycles (causation) Patterns of behavior in living things related to Earth's seasons (connection) Actions people take in response to Earth's natural cycles (Change)		Kinds of animals around us (Form) Animals adapt to the environments they live in (Function) Reasons why animals live where they live (Connection)
Learner Profile	Inquirer, Knowledgeable, and Thinker		Communicator, Caring Risk-taker	Balanced Open-Minded		Principled Reflective Risk-Taker
Attitudes	Respect, Cooperation, and Creativity		Independence Empathy confidence	Curiosity Enthusiasm		Appreciation Commitment

				Integrity Tolerance		
Phase	Phases 1 and 2 RESEARCH UNIT		Phase 3 and 4	Phase 6		Phases 5



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Kindergarten



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Descriptor	An inquiry into what it means to be human.		An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs, and values.	An inquiry into how humans use their understanding of scientific principles.	An inquiry into the structure and function of organizations.	
Central Idea	Everyday experiences form who we are		Ideas and feelings can be expressed by the written word.	C.I. The discovery of the interconnectedness of our environment helps us to explore and understand the world around us	Participation impacts the success of any group.	
Concepts	Causation Perspective Responsibly		Form Function Connection	Connection Causation Change	Form Connection Function	
Related Concepts	Difference Patterns Behavior		Culture Values Beliefs	Interdependence Impact Relationships	Structure, systems, interdependence, and citizenship	
Lines of Inquiry	Daily Hygiene impacts the human body-(Causation) Events in our life become the picture of Who we are-(Perspective) Caring for others helps us care for ourselves-(Responsibility)		Stories come in many forms (Form) Stories help us to imagine and remember places and events. (Function) Stories help us to understand others and communicate our own feelings (Connection)	The impact of the interdependent relationships of plants and animals (Connection) Weather effects people and animals in many ways (Causation) Force can control and change many things on earth and our universe (Change)	Characteristics of effective groups (form) Rules create ownership within a group (connection) Problem solving within a group leads to collaboration and unity. (Function))
Learner Profile	Balanced Knowledgeable Risk-Taker		Communicator Reflective Principled	Knowledgeable Inquirer Thinker	Knowledgeable Principled Reflective	

Attitudes	Confidence Appreciation		Confidence Creativity		Respect Cooperation Enthusiasm	
Phase	Phase 3	Phase	Phase 4	Phase 5-6	Phase 1-2	



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First Grade



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Descriptor	An inquiry into personal, physical, mental, social, and spiritual health.	The relationships between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilization, from local and global perspectives.	An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs, and values.	An inquiry into the natural world and its laws.	An inquiry into the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities.	An inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other living things.
Central Idea	Choices we make affect the well-being our bodies.	People and historical events have impacted our quality of life.	C.I. People around the world express themselves through customs, traditions, and celebrations.	Systematic processes aid scientists in forming questions that promote inquiry and knowledge.	Our world is comprised of diverse communities.	The interconnectedness of plants and animals that inhabit our world.
Concepts	Causation Function Responsibility	Change Perspective Responsibility	Connection Form Perspective	Connection Form Function	Form Function Connection	Change Form function
Related Concepts	Behavior Impact values	Growth, Sequence, Transformation, Subjectivity, Beliefs, Review, Evidence and Behavior	Structure, relationships, networks, opinion, interdependence, subjectivity and prejudice	Properties, structure, similarities, differences, pattern, communication, role, systems, and relationships	Properties, structure, similarities, differences, behavior, role, systems, adaptation, growth, and cycles.	Behavior Roles Systems transformation
Lines of Inquiry	Ways diet and exercise affect our bodies. (Causation) *Ways we keep our body healthy (Function) *Balanced Meals (<i>My Plate</i>) (Responsibility)	Historical people and events have impacted our lives (Perspective) Cultures change over time (change) Knowing our past helps form our future (Responsibility)	Different types of celebrations—personal, cultural, national, and international (form) Similarities and differences between celebrations (connection) Reasons for celebrations. (perspective)	The impact of scientific discovery. (Function) *The process of formulating questions to direct inquiry (Form) Understanding the components of system. (Connection)	Types of Communities (<i>Form</i>) Locations and maps of different communities (<i>Connection</i>) Role of Community Workers (<i>Function</i>)	Similarities and differences between plants and animals-(Function) Classification of plants and animals-(Form) The life cycle of plants and animals-(Change)
Learner	Balanced Caring	Open-Minded Reflective	Communicator Open-Minded	Inquirer Knowledgeable	Inquirer Communication	Caring Principled

Profile			Risk-Taker	Thinker	Principled	
Attitudes	Commitment Confidence Respect	Empathy Independence	Creativity Enthusiasm Tolerance	Cooperation Curiosity	Appreciation Curiosity	Appreciation Empathy Integrity
Phase	Phase 4	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 5	Phase 1	Phase 6 RESEARCH UNIT



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Second Grade



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Descriptor	An inquiry into human relationships including families, friends, communities, and cultures.	An inquiry into orientation in place and time.	An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs, and values.	An inquiry into how humans use their understanding of scientific principles.	<i>Descriptor:</i> An inquiry into the structure and function of organizations.	An inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other living things.
Central Idea	C.I. The larger community meets basic human needs	C.I. People are affected by choices, attitudes, and history	C.I Human inspiration can produce an environment of creativity and collaboration.	C.I. Properties and attributes of matter affect how materials are used.	C.I. The Earth's surface is shaped by human interaction and natural features.	C.I. Living things interact and adapt within their habitats.
Concepts	Causation, Form, and Function	Change Perspective Causation	Connection Responsibility Change	Connection Change Form	Responsibilities, Perspective, and Form	Function, causation, and connection
Related Concepts	Relationships Structure Initiative	Behavior Consequences Impact Growth	Properties Pattern Beliefs	Properties Impact Geology interaction	Systems Consequences interpretation	Behavior, systems, consequences, impact, adaptation, growth, cycles, and interdependence
Lines of Inquiry	Reasons people live in a community-(Causation) Common characteristics of a community (form)	Choices influence our lives (Causation) Attitudes influence our choices (Perspective)	Combining learned skills with creative thoughts can impact the world both locally and on a global scale. (Connection)	The properties and Characteristics of matter (Form) Energy Changes Matter (Change)	The impacts of human interaction on the environment and community. (Responsibility)	Characteristics of living things determines the community it thrives in Causation)

	Communities work in different ways. (Function)	A Community changes and responds to its members over time (Change)	Civic responsibilities of citizens within a community. (Responsibility) Problem Solving issues through collaboration. (Change)	Interrelationship of matter and human societies. (Connection)	Maps show the spatial organization of communities (Perspective) The Earth is made from landforms and bodies of water (Form)	Diversity enhances a community (Connection) Economic factors influence communities (Function)
Learner Profile	Inquirer Open-minded Principled Reflective	Balanced Reflective Risk Taker	Communicator Reflective Knowledgeable	Knowledgeable Reflective Thinker	Communicator, Principled, and Balanced	Caring Inquirer Reflective
Phase	Phase 1	Phase 3	Phase 6	Phase 4	Phase 2 RESEARCH	Phase 5



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Third Grade



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Descriptor	An inquiry into the nature of the self; human relationships including families, friends, communities, and cultures; rights and responsibilities.	An inquiry the relationships and the interconnectedness of individuals from local and global perspectives	An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, culture, beliefs and values; the ways we in which we reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity.	An inquiry into the natural world and its laws : the interaction between the natural world and human use their understanding of scientific principles	An inquiry into the interconnectedness of human made systems that include economic activities and their impact on humankind and the environment.	An inquiry into communities and the relationships within and between them
Central Idea	Humans adapt to survive in changing environments	Exploring the past can lead to new understandings about the development of cultures and the relationships within them	Human Innovation affects the world	Forces that cause motion and change can impact society and the environment.	Organizational structures establish and maintain order in communities	Environments are affected by geographical features.
Concepts	Change Perspective, Responsibility	Causation Form Perspective	Form Function Connections	Causation Change Form	Form Connection and Responsibility	Function Change Connection
Related Concepts	Behavior, Impact, Transformation, Interpretation	Relationships, discovery, culture, history	Transformation, Invention, Technology, Progress, Discovery	Force, energy, movement, interaction	Organization, ecosystem, structure, collaboration, work, interaction	Impact, cycles, predictions, geography, community, survival
Lines of Inquiry	Changes in environments transform life. (Change)	Impacts of relationships (Perspective))	How Advances in technology impact the economy	How Movement drives change (Change)	Purpose of organized systems (Responsibility)	Natural events cause change (Change)

	Problems can be solved by taking action. (Responsibility) Global Conditions and cultures impact how humans live (Perspective)	Development of Cultures (Form) Historical events and discoveries contribute to the present (Causation)	(Connection) Design and ingenuity of simple machines. (Form) How simple machines make work easier. (Function)	Forms of energy. (Form) How Forces affect motion and position (Causation)	*How systems are structured (Form) *How relationships and organizational structures impact a society (Connection)	Environmental conditions affect human development and migrations. (Connection) Advances in technology increases knowledge of the world around us (Function)
Learner Profile	Open-minded Communicator Balanced	Open-minded Reflective Risk-Taker	Thinker Inquirer Balanced	Inquirer Knowledgeable Thinker	Balanced, Caring, Principled	Inquirer, Knowledgeable and Reflective
Attitudes	Tolerance Respect Empathy	Appreciation Independence Creativity	Commitment Creativity Confidence	Cooperation Independence Enthusiasm	Tolerance, Respect, and Empathy	Confidence Empathy Independence
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Fourth Grade



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Descriptor	.An inquiry into the nature of one's self, beliefs and values: Personal, mental, social and spiritual.	Inquiry into orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes and journeys; the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind	An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs, and values.	Inquiry into the natural world and its laws, the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies	Interconnectedness of human made systems and communities. Economic activities and the impact on human kind and the environment	An inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other living things.
Central Idea	Understanding Humanity allows us to become the best version of ourselves.	Movement of people changes society.	Humans express experiences and knowledge of the world in a variety of ways.	Geography and science affect all living things.	Decisions about money affect our daily lives	Development of resources impact our world
Concepts	Form, Function, Responsibility	Connection, Causation, Change	Connection Perspective	Connection, Causation,	Function Responsibility	Causation Change

			Function	Function	Connection	Responsibility
Related Concepts	Structure, Purpose and Development	History of civilizations, migration, and journeys.	Similarities, differences, pattern, truth, opinion, interpretation, evidence and responsibility	Consequences, impact, growth, transformation, and relationships	Consequences Initiative Evidence	Consequences, impact, adaptation, cycles, relationships and systems
Lines of Inquiry	<p>1. How beliefs and values influence the Government systems (Form).</p> <p>2. Role of the learner as a scientist, mathematician, writer, reader, social scientist, and citizen (Function).</p> <p>3. What it means to be a good Christian person (Responsibility)</p>	<p>1. People move for different reasons. (Causation)</p> <p>2. Global events impact human migration. (Connection)</p> <p>3. Changes on society from human migration. (Change).</p>	<p>1. Creative expressions provides ways communicate ideas and emotions (Connection).</p> <p>2. Experiences shape our perspective (Perspective)).</p> <p>3. Understanding the importance of action (Function)).</p>	<p>1. Relations and Requirements of living things (Connection).</p> <p>2. Understand how regions are created from common physical and human characteristics (Causation).</p> <p>3. Science and Technology impact life (Function).</p>	<p>1. Fundamental principles of economics (Function)</p> <p>2. Beliefs and values help motivate economic decisions. (Connsection)</p> <p>3. Costs and benefits of economics of economic dicisions. (Responsibility)</p>	<p>1. Responsibilities of citizenship impact the sharing of resources (Responsibility)</p> <p>Collaboration of multigroups are essential for the long term sharing of resources accessibility (Causation)</p> <p>Environmental changes over time influence resource availability. (Change)</p>
Learner Profile	Thinker, Inquirer and Knowledgeable	Thinker, Reflective, Balanced	Reflective Thinker Open-Minded	Principled, Balance, and Inquirer	Communicator Reflective Risk-Taker	Caring, Inquirer Principled
Phase	Phase 1 RESEARCH	Phase 3	Phase 6	Phase 2	Phase 4	Phase 5

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Fifth Grade



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Descriptor	An inquiry into rights and responsibilities	An inquiry into the discoveries, explorations, and migrations of humankind.	An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs, and values.	An inquiry into how humans use their understanding of scientific principles.	An inquiry into societal decision making.	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 the environment.
Central Idea	Right and responsibilities within a system impacts growth	Discoveries and explorations impact our lives now and into the future.	C.I. Choices influence the development of our surroundings	The natural world is a series of interconnected systems.	All actions result in a reaction.	Conflicts within in an environment impact its surroundings
Concepts	Change Connection Function	Causation Connection Reflection	Function Change Responsibility	Connection Form Reflection	Causation Connection Function	Causation Perspective Responsibility
Related Concepts	Growth Behavior Interdependence	Impact Relationships Evidence	Consequences Interpretation	Structure, systems and interaction	Systems Consequences	Consequences, systems and initiative
Lines of Inquiry	Impacts of choices (Connection) Function of various systems (Function) Stages of growth (Change)	Challenges of discoveries and explorations (reflection) Reasons for exploration (causation) Impacts of Discoveries and explorations (connection)	Ways surroundings are influenced (Function) *Responding to changes in surroundings (Change) Importance of communication within your surroundings (Responsibility)	Types of systems (Form) Interaction of systems (Connection) Impacts of systems (Reflection)	Cause and effect of decision making (Causation) Human relationships with the environment (Connection) The structure of organizations (Function)	Causes of conflict (Causation) Working and living to share the earth (Perspective) Strategies for resolution conflict (Responsibilities)
Learner Profile	Balanced Principled Reflection	Inquirer Risk Taker Thinker	Open-minded Reflective, Thinker	Inquirer Open-minded Knowledgeable	Reflective Thinker Communicator	Communicator Risk-Taker Caring
Attitudes	Commitment Enthusiasm Responsibility	Appreciation Empathy Curiosity	Consequences Interpretation	Appreciation Empathy Curiosity	Cooperation Empathy Respect Tolerance	Cooperation Empathy Integrity Respect

Phase	Phase 5	Phase 1	Phase 4	Phase 6	Phase 2	Phase 3
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