

K-8 Big Picture Curriculum Map

Mountain Academy Jackson Campus

	Creativity and Expression <i>Creative thinking, artistic expression, music, movement, and the power of storytelling</i>	Human Stories <i>Who we are. Our culture, history, and identity. Where we are in time and place.</i>	Innovation & Discovery How people and animals explore & solve problems	Our Shared World Community, responsibility, stewardship (based on the SDGs)
K-2 Year A	Nature Inspiration Essential Question: How does nature inspire creative expression and scientific discoveries? Unit 1	Oral Storytelling Essential Question: How do places shape the stories that people pass down through generations Unit 3	Animal Adaptations Essential Question: How do animals adapt to challenges? Unit 2	Community Helpers Essential question: Who helps our community thrive, and how can we support them? Unit 4
K-2 Year B	World Building for Authors Essential Question: How do authors create an imaginary world to set their stories in? Unit 3	Celebrations and Traditions Essential Question: Why do people celebrate, and how do celebrations bring communities together? Unit 2	Innovation for Exploration Essential Question: How does exploring wild and unknown places help us create new tools and ideas? Unit 1	Water Protectors Essential Question: How can we share and protect our water resources? Unit 4
K-2 Year C	Voices of the Valley Essential Question: How can storytelling - through interviews, podcasts, or writing - help us better understand our community? Unit 3	Leaders Essential Question: How do leaders shape the stories of people, places, and communities? Unit 2	Mapping Essential Question: How do people use maps to help them navigate their world? Unit 1	Plants Essential Question: How can we care for plants so they can grow and help our world? Unit 4

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3-5 Year A	Media Essential Question: How does the way we express ideas influence how others see them? Unit 2	Human Body Essential Question: How do our choices impact our body systems and how we feel? Unit 3	Adventure Problem Solving Essential Question: What can nature and the outdoors teach us about resilience and problem-solving? Unit 1	Public Lands, Public Responsibility Why do we have public lands, and how can we be responsible stewards? Unit 4
3-5 Year B	Arts in Action Essential Question: How can the arts be used to respond to change and inspire action? Unit 2	Stories of the West Essential Question: How do the stories that we tell, and the stories we choose not to tell, shape our understanding of the American West? Unit 1	Invention Convention Essential Question: How does learning from failure lead to better solutions? Unit 3	5 Rs: reduce, reuse, recycle, repair, and rot Essential Question: How do our daily choices impact the environment and the people around us? Unit 4
3-5 Year C	Myths Essential Question: Why do people create myths to explain the natural world? Unit 1	Government Essential Question: How do governments protect or limit human rights? Unit 2	Migration & Community Essential Question: How does the movement of people change communities? Unit 3	Food for the Future: Essential Question: How does where our food comes from impact people and the planet? Unit 4

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6-8 Year A	Beyond The Horizon Essential Question: How does exploring the unknown change what is possible? Unit 1	Turning Points Essential Question: Is progress possible without conflict? Unit 2	Voice Essential Question: When does a voice become powerful enough to change history? Unit 3	Shared Waters Essential question: Who owns water? Unit 4
6-8 Year B	Human 2.0 Essential Question: Does technology make us more human or less? Unit 4	Belonging Essential Question: Who deserves to belong? Unit 1	Stories & Power Essential Question: How can stories shape what a society believes? Unit 3	The Exchange Essential question: What do we owe the people and places we are connected to? Unit 2
6-8 Year C	Wild By Design Essential Question: When should humans change nature? Unit 4	Rise & Fall of Civilizations Essential Question: Why do civilizations succeed and why do they fail? Unit 1	World Religions Essential Question: How do beliefs shape the way people understand and live in the world? Unit 3	Home Essential question: Who gets to call a place home? Unit 2