



The PYP Place

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Revised Programme of Inquiry...

Over the past few months, teachers from Cedar Manor, Aquila, Peter Hobart and Susan Lindgren have been working collaboratively to examine the central ideas for the six transdisciplinary themes. We are proud to report that we have completed our task and are excited to share this work with the community. Starting next year, teachers will be teaching 4 of their 6 central ideas. To find out more about our journey towards becoming an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme School, please check out our school website at www.slpschools.org/cm/pyp.

St. Louis Park Public Schools Central Ideas for the 2008/2009 School Year

Grade (age)	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
K (5-6)	Central Idea Learning about ourselves helps us learn about other people.	Central Idea People live and work in, and belong to, many communities.	Central Idea Our senses allow us to discover and connect us to the world.	Central Idea Materials can be explored to find out how they behave, what they can be used for, and how they can be changed.	Central Idea Communities function more effectively when members responsibly follow shared rules and routines.	Central Idea People use the earth's resources to produce and provide food.
1 (6-7)	Central Idea Everybody has basic needs, which may be met in different ways.	Central Idea Journeys create change and may lead to new opportunities.	Central Idea Through the arts people use different forms of expression to convey their uniqueness as human beings.	Central Idea All living things go through a process of change.	Central Idea People use a variety of skills and strategies that contribute to their role in a community of learners.	Central Idea People use and value the earth's resources in different ways.
2 (7-8)	Central Idea People are responsible for the choices they make and for the impact these choices have on themselves and their relationships with others.	Central Idea Uncovering the past shapes our understanding of the present.	Central Idea Personal experiences provide the sparks for artistic creation.	Central Idea Living things are affected by and adapt to the natural world.	Central Idea Communities function to meet the needs of its members.	Central Idea Small steps can lead to global change and a more peaceful world.
3 (8-9)	Central Idea Experiences and beliefs shape a person's actions.	Central Idea The development of global perspectives is supported through understanding our place in the world in relation to others.	Central Idea Beliefs, values, and ideas are represented and communicated through symbols.	Central Idea We use scientific processes to understand the world around us.	Central Idea Systems of communication are a result of the need for communities to share information.	Central Idea Water is a finite resource that can be easily damaged.
4 (9-10)	Central Idea Being human makes us the same, but our experiences and perspective give us each a personal story.	Central Idea Lives are changed through encounters with people of different beliefs and cultures.	Central Idea Creative expression provides many ways to communicate ideas and emotions.	Central Idea Humans and the geological world continually impact each other.	Central Idea Communities are interconnected by their needs and wants.	Central Idea Creating sustainable energy requires reflection and change.
5 (10-11)	Central Idea A culture's beliefs are reflected in the rights and responsibilities of its people.	Central Idea Observation and exploration lead to discovery and develop new understandings.	Central Idea Media uses a variety of strategies to influence thinking.	Central Idea We can investigate our world through simple experiments.	Central Idea Personal and societal decision making is often driven by economics.	Central Idea Conflict occurs as people struggle for equal opportunities.
6 (11-12)	Central Idea Individual growth is a complex and on-going process.	Central Idea Individuals' actions can change the world in which we live.	Central Idea Artistic expression can be a reflection of the social consciousness of the time.	Central Idea Scientific knowledge and technological advances impact our relationships with the natural environment.	Central Idea Humans organize themselves to fulfill personal needs and address societal challenges.	Central Idea Human choices play a role in the sustainability of resources.

