Sierra Elementary Program of Inquiry 2017-2018

Kindergarten

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Who we are- Apr.23-Jun7, 2018	Where we are in place and time Oct.2-Nov.10, 2017	How we express ourselves Nov.13-Jan.12, 2017-18	How the works Jan.15-Mar.2, 2018	How we organize ourselves Aug.16-Sept.29,	Sharing the planet Mar,5-Apr 20, 2018
An inquiry into the nature of 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 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 the 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
Central idea	Central idea	Central idea	Central idea	Central idea	Central idea
Living things use available	Everyday life is different in other	The structure of	Patterns can be predicted,	People contribute to community life	Resources can be conserved to
resources to survive.	places and times.	literature conveys meaning.	observed and described.	by working at different jobs.	protect the environment.
Key concepts: connection,	Key concepts: change, connection	Key concepts: form, reflection	Key concepts: causation, change	Key concepts: responsibility,	Key concepts: responsibility,
function	Related concepts:	Related concepts:		connection,	perspective
Related concepts: structure, impact, relationship Lines of inquiry *types of shelters *why living things	systems, transformation, interdependence Lines of inquiry *how people lived in earlier times * how schools have	opinion, literature, comparison Lines of inquiry * characteristics and structure of literature *comparing and	Related concepts: similarities and differences, patterns, cycles Lines of inquiry * weather patterns *the impact of the	Related concepts: values, systems, impact Lines of inquiry *the jobs people	Related concepts: transformation, values Lines of inquiry *ways to help protect the
need shelter * how shelter reflects community * common and unique characteristics of	changed over time *the physical make-up of schools Learner Profile	contrasting adventures and experiences of characters *forming opinions through author	sun on weather *changes in water as it relates to weather Learner Profile Thinker, Inquirer	hold in our community *our school community's jobs and structures *student	environment *resources can be conserved,recycled and/or reused *the conservation process
shelter around the world Learner Profile Knowledgeable, Caring	Inquirer, Reflective	Learner Profile Communicator, Principled		responsibilities and jobs Learner Profile Caring, Balanced	<u>Learner Profile</u> Reflective, Risk-taker

First Grade

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Who we are Nov. 27-Jan.19, 2017-18	Where we are in place and time Jan.22-Mar. 9, 2018	How we express ourselves Apr.30-Jun.7, 2018	How the world works Mar. 12-Apr.27, 2018	How we organize ourselves Aug.16-Sept.17,	Sharing the planet Oct.2 –Nov.17,2017
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Central idea Words and phrases in literature express our experiences. Key concepts: connection, perspective Related concepts: Lines of inquiry *forms of expression in literature *how people can express their ideas and feelings through literature * the differences between books that tell stories and books that give information Learner Profile Open-minded, Risk-Taker	Central idea Learning about changes from the past can help us make connections to the present Key concepts: connection, change, Related concepts: environment, regions, choices Lines of inquiry *how our life is different from the past * connections between the past and present *how human actions and achievements impact the present Learner Profile Inquirer, Knowledgeable	Central idea Symbols communicate ideas, information, culture or feelings. Key concepts: function, form Related concepts: communication, behavior Lines of inquiry *types of symbols *how symbols communicate information *ways symbols reflect cultures *meaning of symbols Learner Profile Knowledgeable, Communicator	Central idea Light and sound impact our world. Key concepts: form, causation Related concepts: impact, properties, energy Lines of inquiry * sources of light and sound *properties of light and sound *manipulation of light and sound *day and night Learner Profile Thinker, Reflective	Central idea Leaders encourage cooperation. Key concepts:, reflection, causation, responsibility Related concepts: Citizenship, initiative Lines of inquiry *peaceful behaviors *interruptions of peace *strategies for resolving conflict *the impact of communication Learner Profile Caring, Principled	Central idea The mutual relationship between living things depends on meeting needs. Key concepts: function, connection Related concepts: interdependence, connection, role Lines of inquiry *the meaning of a mutual relationship *what a living thing is *what plants and animals need *what plants and animals provide for each other Learner Profile Balanced, Inquirer

Second Grade

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Who we are Aug. 28-Sept. 29, 2017	Where we are in place and time Apr.30-Jun.2. 20181-June 2	How we express ourselves Nov. 6-Dec. 21,	How the world works Jan. 8-Feb. 16, 2018	How we organize ourselves Oct.2-Nov. 3, 2017	Sharing the planet Feb. 26- Apr.27, 2018
An inquiry into the nature of 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 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 the 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
Central idea Our family traditions and histories make us unique. Key concepts: connection, perspective Related concepts: values, beliefs,family Lines of inquiry *family histories *family traditions/cultures *how human created objects (tools) evolve over time and affect our family experiences Learner Profile Risk-taker, Open-minded	Central idea People create and utilize maps to explore and learn about the world. Key concepts: form, function, change Related concepts: structure, pattern ,borders Lines of inquiry *locations of community, city, state, country on a map or globe *interpreting maps *classifying landforms *uses of different maps Learner Profile Principled, Thinker,	Central idea Poetry reflects culture and self. Key concepts: reflection, perspective Related concepts: interpretation, structure Lines of inquiry *different forms of poetry *language convention and techniques *relationship between the aesthetic and expressive language *appreciation of poetry from around the world Learner Profile Communicator, Reflective	Central idea Earth's matter transforms to provide resources. Key concepts: form, function, change Related concepts: properties, transformation Lines of inquiry *rocks and minerals *soil and erosion * fossils Learner Profile Inquirer, Thinker,	Central idea The system of goods and services define the way people live. Key concepts: form, function, change Related concepts: sequences, systems Lines of inquiry *how a raw material becomes a product * differences between goods and services * mechanics of a marketplace *similarities and differences between local and global marketplaces Learner Profile Risk-taker, Communicator	Central idea Living organisms develop and change based on predictable cycles. Key concepts: causation, change, responsibility Related concepts: growth, cycles, impact Lines of inquiry *plant life cycles *animal life cycles *how humans grow and change *interactions between living organisms Learner Profile Knowledgeable, Balanced

Third Grade

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Who we are Mar. 5-Apr.6, 2018	Where we are in place and time Oct.2-Nov.16, 2017	How we express ourselves Jan. 16-Mar.2, 2018	How the works Nov.27-Jan.12, 2017-18	How we organize ourselves Aug.21-Sept.29,	Sharing the planet Apr.9-May25, 2018
An inquiry into the nature of 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 the environment	An inquiry into the interconnectednes s 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 the 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
Central Idea Rights and responsibilities establish how humans interact. Key Concepts: responsibility, causation, function Related Concepts: citizenship, impact, actions Lines of inquiry *a profile of a responsible citizen *Civic rights and responsibilities to our class, school, community, and the world *the impact of people's actions Learner Profile: Risk-takers, Caring	Central Idea Influential people shed light on personal and historical timelines. Key Concepts: reflection, change, perspective Related Concepts: sequences, interpretation, opinions Lines of inquiry *an era in which a person lives can influence his or her actions *biographies share a person's perspective *peoples' actions shape society *students reflect on personal histories Learner Profile: Open-minded, Communicators	Central Idea Verbal and written communication bridges the gap between the real and fantasy world. Key Concepts: reflection, perspective, connection Related Concepts: interpretation, difference, structure Lines of inquiry *the structure of tales *common themes of literature that connect cultures *how literature is reflective of a culture and its values Learner Profile: Open-minded, Principled	Central Idea Predictable patterns can be observed on Earth and in the solar system. Key Concepts: causation, change, function Related Concepts: patterns, cycles, impact Lines of inquiry *the interaction between the sun, moon, and Earth *the causes of the Earth's season *planets and stars and their role in our solar system Learner Profile: Inquirers, Communicators	Central Idea Populations make decisions that change environments. Key Concepts: causation, connection, change Related Concepts: decisions, community, impact Lines of inquiry *how community decision is making structured *a case study into our local region *the impact decisions have on growth of a region Learner Profile: Balanced, Reflective	Central Idea Living things have adapted to survive within their ecosystems. Key Concepts: function, connection, form Related Concepts: adaptation, interdependence, structure Lines of inquiry *different types of ecosystems *various animal adaptations *extinction *the function and structure of plants Learner Profile: Thinkers, Knowledgeable

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An inquiry into the nature of 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 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 the 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
Central Idea The movement of people may transform the beliefs and values of existing cultures. Key Concepts: causation, change, reflection Related concepts: consequences, impacts, transformation Lines of inquiry *cross-cultural interactions *how organized religions impact native cultures *how beliefs and values evolve over time * case study into CA mission system Learner Profile: Principled, Balanced	Central Idea Geography and resources shape the way native cultures develop. Key concepts: function, causation, perspective Related concepts: systems, adaptations, consequences Lines of inquiry *how people map the world * role geography plays in settlement *how resources of a region affect populations *how people adapt to and modify their environment Learner Profile Inquirer, Knowledgeable	Central Idea Personal expression inspires societal change. Key concepts: function, causation, connection Related concepts: behavior, leadership, communication Lines of inquiry *ways cultures are influenced by various forms of expression *individuals who inspire change *case-study into societal change in the U.S. Learner Profile Communicator, Open-minded, Risk-taker	Central idea Science, technology, and energy bring about worldwide economic development. Key concepts: function, responsibility Related concepts: , interdependence, evolution, motivation Lines of inquiry *the utilization of natural resources to produce power * the origins, storage, and transfer of energy *preserving energy resources for future generations Learner Profile Caring, Reflective	Central idea Natural resources stimulate economic and political development. Key concepts: causation, change, Related concepts: structure, prejudice, consequences Lines of inquiry *the economic impact of natural resources in a region *the political growth and changes associated with a region's resources *how the social and cultural dynamics of a region change over time Learner Profile Knowledgeable, Thinker	Central idea Organism populations in an ecosystem are interdependent and their survival depends on adaptation and human interaction. Key concepts: form, connection, responsibility Related concepts: structure, patterns, relationship Lines of inquiry *the interconnection of habitats and communities *factors that affect habitats and living things *plant and animal adaptations that ensure survival *conservation and protection of ecosystems Learner Profile:

Fifth Grade

An inquiry into:	An inquiry into:	An inquiry into:	An inquiry into:	An inquiry into:	An inquiry into:
Who we are Mar.12-Apr.27,2017	Where we are in place and time Oct.9-Nov.17, 2017	How we express ourselves Apr.30-June 7, 2018	How the world works Aug.28-Oct.6.201 7	How we organize ourselves Jan.22—Mar.9. 2018	Sharing the planet Nov.27-Jan.19, 2017/18
An inquiry into the nature of 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 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 the 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
Central idea Leadership often involves compromise and active participation. Key concepts: change, responsibility, function Related concepts: structure, systems Lines of inquiry *the leadership of nations and citizens * participation in government * compromises necessary to form a government Learner Profile Knowledgeable, Caring, Balanced	Central idea Migration often results from turmoil and leads to opportunities and challenges. Key concepts: causation, change Related concepts: adaptation, impact Lines of inquiry *how exploration led to migration and settlement of the New World *reasons of exploration and migration: forced and voluntary *the opportunities and consequences resulting from exploration and migration *the challenges and opportunities of modern day and future exploration Learner Profile: Communicator,	Central idea People communicate for different purposes in a variety of ways. Key concepts: perspective, connection, reflection Related concepts: values, opinion, relationships Lines of inquiry *biases in the media * the impact of media *media around the world *the analysis of messages in the media Learner Profile Communicator, Reflective	Central idea Human interactions affect natural cycles. Key concepts: form, connection, responsibility Related concepts: interdependence, properties Lines of inquiry *understanding and predicting weather *global warming *causes of severe storms * how societies adapt to weather Learner Profile Inquirer, Knowledgeable,	Central idea Systems have both independent and interdependent functions. Key concepts: function, connection Related concepts: systems, relationships Lines of inquiry *systems of the body and how they interact *comparison of plant and animal systems and how they are interdependent *non-living systems Learner Profile Inquirer, Thinkers	Central idea Colonization leads to conflict which may change the path of a nation. Key concepts: change, causation, perspective Related concepts: growth, consequences, adaptation Lines of inquiry *changes that result when conflict is resolved *how conflict may be resolved *case study into the American Revolution *examples of non-violent conflict resolution Learner Profile Open-minded, Principled

Sixth Grade

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Who we are Mar.12-Apr.20, 2018	Where we are in place and time	How we express ourselves	How the world works Sept.18-Nov.3, 2017	How we organize ourselves	Sharing the planet Apr. 23-June 1, 2018
An inquiry into the nature of 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.	Nov.6-Jan.19, 2017/18 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 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 the 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
Central Idea People learn about societal beliefs and values by studying spiritual traditions. Key concepts: form, causation, perspective Related concepts: similarities, differences, beliefs, Lines of inquiry *origins of major religions *purpose of myths and creation stories *the impact of religion and spiritual traditions on civilizations Learner Profile Open-minded, Caring, Risk-taker	Central Idea Individuals contribute to the development, advancement, and decline of civilizations. Key concepts: change, responsibility, function Related concepts: consequences, transformation, citizenship Lines of inquiry *empire builders and destroyers *ancient scientists, mathematicians, and inventors *influential women of the ancient world *our place in history Learner Profile Knowledgeable, Open-minded	Central Idea Writers use figurative language techniques to create mental pictures that express ideas and emotions to readers. Key concepts: form, perspective, reflection Related concepts: properties, impact, interpretation Lines of inquiry *purpose of figurative language *types and styles of figurative language(i.e., idioms, simile/metaphor, personification, onomatopoeia) *authors' and poets' techniques Learner Profile Reflective, Open-minded, Balanced	Central idea Movements within the Earth create and shape its features and cause events that may disrupt communities. Key concepts: causation, change, connection Related concepts: erosion, geology, tectonic plates Lines of inquiry *how the different components of the Earth are interrelated (Earth's layers) *how the Earth has changed and is continuing to change (tectonic plate movement) *human responses to the Earth's changes(earthquake , volcano, tsunami) Learner Profile Inquirer, Thinker, Communicator	Central idea Systems of organization develop to provide structure, order, and meaning to people's lives and how they learn. Key concepts: form, function, responsibility Related concepts: structure, similarities and differences, role Lines of inquiry *rules, laws and division of power *how organizational systems develop *how societies resolve conflicts *responsibilities of the individual within their society Learner Profile Communicator, Reflective, Principled	EXHIBITION Unit will be determined by students. Central idea Key concepts: Related concepts: Lines of inquiry Learner Profile