

Scandia Elementary School - PYP-Programme of Inquiry

6th GRADE	Who We Are 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.	Where We Are In Place & Time 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.	How We Express Ourselves 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.	How The World Works 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.	How We Organize Ourselves 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.	Sharing The Planet 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.
Central Idea	CHECK YES OR NO Behaviors and decisions have consequences.	OH, THE PLACES WE'VE BEEN The histories of different peoples shape society.	FIND YOUR VOICE Expressions evolve through different forms of communication.	MOVIN' AND SHAKIN' An understanding of physical science leads to technological developments and engineered systems.	TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS Social, political and economic structures influence and form societies.	WHATCHA GONNA DO ABOUT IT? Conflicts force people to take action.
Inquiries Into...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factors that contribute to physical and mental health • Laws and justice • Decision making models 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant past events and experiences of different peoples • Reasons for settlement or relocation • Historical geography • Understanding citizenship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The uses and evolution of oral language and communication. • The impact, variations and purposes of written communication. • How history and culture influence music and art. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The physical world and its laws • The practice of engineering • Innovators in technology, science and industry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal and local economic affairs • Economy, politics, and society • Social transformations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Causes of conflict • Causes of action • Action creates opportunities • Forms of conflict resolution
Key Concepts	Causation, responsibility	Perspective, change, connection	Form, reflection, function	Function, connection, form	Change, perspective, function	Responsibility, causation, reflection
Related Concepts	Consequences, values	Adaptation, interdependence	Similarities, differences, interpretation	Behavior, relationships, properties, pattern	Cycles, growth, truth, opinion	Rights, justice, impact, initiative
Trans Skills	Self-management, communication	Research, thinking	Communication, social	Thinking, research, social	Research, thinking	Social, thinking
Profile	Balanced, risk-taker, reflective	Open-minded, knowledgeable	Communicator, reflective	Knowledgeable, inquirer,	Risk-taker, principled	Caring, thinker, principled
Attitudes	Confidence, respect	Independence, appreciation	Appreciation, creativity, enthusiasm	Independence, integrity	Commitment, integrity	Cooperation, Empathy Tolerance
Dates	4 Jan. 2 – Feb. 14	5 Feb. 17 – April 4	1 Sept. 3 – Oct. 18	2 Oct. 21 – Dec. 6	6 April 7 – May 30	3 Nov. 18 – Dec. 20