

Description of Global Contexts

The table below contains the focus question(s) and description for each of the Global Context. For the personal project/community project, students must choose one Global Context as the focus of the project.

Global Context	Focus Question(s)	Description
Identities and relationships	Who am I? Who are we?	Students will explore identity; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities and other cultures; what it means to be human.
Orientation in time and space	What is the meaning of “where” and “when”?	Students will explore personal histories; homes and journeys; turning points in humankind; discoveries; explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationship between, and the interconnectedness of, individuals and civilizations, from personal, local, and global perspectives.
Personal and cultural expression	What is the nature and purpose of creative expression?	Students will explore 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.
Scientific and Technical innovation	How do we understand the world in which we live?	Students will explore the natural world and its laws; the interaction between people and the natural world; how humans use their understanding of scientific principles; the impact of scientific and technological advances on communities and environments; the impact of environments on human activity; how humans adapt environments to their needs.
Globalization and sustainability	How is everything connected?	Students will explore the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities; the relationship between local and global processes; how local experiences mediate the global; the opportunities and tension provided by world-interconnectedness; the impact of decision-making on humankind and the environment.
Fairness and development	What are the consequences of our common humanity?	Students will explore rights and responsibilities; the relationship between communities; sharing finite resources with other people and with other living things; access to equal opportunities; peace and conflict resolution.