

Big Ideas and Essential Questions

The world is full of potential challenges. Read the news, check social networks, talk with community leaders, connect with college and university faculty, etc. As you explore big ideas and essential questions, keep in mind your district and school curriculum, community issues/needs, and student interest. Addressing all of these needs will result in a more meaningful and educational Challenge Based Learning experience.

Health

- What kind of snack/drinks would be best during the morning school session?
- How can we protect children from the spread of disease?
- What can be done about childhood obesity?

Education

- How do we make school more engaging?
- How do we prepare to compete in a global economy?
- What is the purpose of education?

Relationships

- How do we stop bullying on the playground?
- How do we build communities beyond cliques?
- How can we cross cultural boundaries?

Environment

- How do we reduce air pollution?
- What is the impact of water pollution?
- Why is preserving wilderness important?

History

- How do we preserve historical sites?
- How can we honor our veterans?
- How do we honor the contributions of diverse cultures?

Citizenship

- Why is citizenship important?
- How do we get the best and brightest to serve?
- How can we have equitable elections?

Sustainability

- How can we consume less?
- How can we reduce our carbon footprint?
- How can we reduce our paper consumption?

Diversity

- Why is diversity important?
 - What role does diversity play in our school or community?
 - How do we respect and value diversity?
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