Authenticity
An inquiry originates with a question, problem, issue or exploration that is significant to the discipline and provides opportunity to create or produce something that contributes to the world’s knowledge.

Academic Rigor
Students have opportunities to build deep understanding and create or produce high quality products and performances that mirror the disciplines.

Assessment
Ongoing assessment woven into the design of the study guides students’ learning and teachers’ instructional planning.

Beyond the School
Students are encouraged to explore issues or problems with a focus on competencies expected in high performance work organizations, such as teamwork, organization, problem solving, communication, decision making and project management.

Elaborated Communication
Students have opportunities to choose forms of expression appropriate to the task, and communicate what they are learning with a variety of audiences.

Appropriate Use of Technology
Technology is used in a purposeful manner that demonstrates an appreciation of new ways of thinking and doing.

Connecting with Expertise
Students are given opportunity to observe and interact with adults with relevant expertise and experience in a variety of situations.

Active Exploration
Students are engaged in real (authentic) investigations using a variety of media, methods and sources.

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