



The Global Explorers experience is a comprehensive program designed to inspire students to become responsible global citizens. Our four core academic areas — science, culture, leadership, and service — work together to help students understand that they are part of a much larger, interconnected world, and that their actions have an impact on that world.

Science

Students explore conservation biology; a cross-disciplinary science that applies principles from areas such as ecology, sociology, anthropology, and philosophy. The field of conservation biology emphasizes the importance of using rigorous scientific techniques and interdisciplinary approaches to understand and protect the biological diversity of our planet. *Through learning objectives in this core area, students will...*

- Be able to explain conservation biology and why it is important
- Learn and practice field research techniques that are crucial to conservation biology
- Understand the unique ecology of the area they visit and why its protection is critical
- Learn that the state of the environment affects life everywhere, regardless of borders
- Appreciate the importance of environmental stewardship

Culture

Students learn about cultures from multiple perspectives. Lessons draw on disciplines as diverse as anthropology, history, economics, development studies, and geography. This core area helps students better understand and appreciate different cultures and develops critically-minded, reflective, and responsible global citizens. *Through learning objectives in this core area, students will...*

- Understand characteristics of the culture they visit and how it differs from their own
- Understand and experience some of the field strategies used to study cultures
- Build respect and tolerance for different ways of life
- Appreciate the complexity of culture and recognize the tendency to misunderstand others
- Improve their understanding of the causes and effects of poverty and inequality
- Experience our connectedness with people around the world

Leadership

Students explore, individually and as a team, their personal leadership skills and styles. *Through learning objectives in this core area, students will...*

- Be able to explain some of their own leadership strengths and weaknesses
- Increase their self-awareness and confidence
- Learn to listen and look at different viewpoints

Service

Students explore the value of community service, the challenge of working with communities to identify their service needs, and their own roles in being strong community leaders who make a positive difference. *Through learning objectives in this core area, students will...*

- Understand the importance of giving back and appreciate their ability to make a difference
- Learn to evaluate and successfully implement different service projects
- Understand that successful implementation of a service project will require strong leadership skills from every participant as they work together as a team