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## KEY UNDERSTANDINGS OF A RIGOROUS AND RELEVANT CURRICULUM

### Rigorous and relevant learning experiences

- Are directly applicable to students' lives
- Ask students to use skills including active learning, problem solving, and reasoning to demonstrate their understanding of the learning outcomes
- Are based on rigorous and relevant curriculum that often requires students to make connections between disciplines
- Focus on the application of concepts and skills in a real-world context
- Incorporate teaching materials and assessment strategies aligned with the curriculum's rigor and relevance
- Include teachers who support and encourage students to meet the high standards set for them

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