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*A globally educated person has the ability to understand the interconnectedness of people and systems, to express cross-cultural awareness and sensitivity, to empathize with others, to maintain an open-mind to see different perspectives, to apply knowledge of global dynamics, to practice effective problem solving skills, and to communicate and work efficiently in diverse environments.*

### **10 Core Competencies for Global Education– Standards for Learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

1. **Critical Thinking** – Analyze and assess information from multiple angles to arrive at an informed decision or perspective
2. **Making Connections** – Interdisciplinary examination of the complexities of issues (how business, economics, science, humanities and social studies are interwoven)
3. **Leadership Skills** – Being able to inspire, motivate, represent and guide people to process issues and act upon them
4. **Cross-Cultural Awareness** – Readiness to understand and embrace differences between individuals and communities while recognizing similarities
5. **Problem-Solving Skills/Decision Making Skills** – Critically analyze issues, reflect upon past experiences, and develop informed solutions based on specific goals and objectives
6. **Communication Skills** – Ability to convey information and listen to another effectively and efficiently and across cultures
7. **Understanding Others Perspectives** – Understanding the viewpoints of others and identifying the influences of those perspectives
8. **Investigate the World** – Look beyond one’s immediate surroundings to place events and issues in a larger human context; having a lifelong disposition of learning and discovery
9. **Understanding of Major Global Issues** – Development, human rights, environmental protection, international cooperation, geographic and economic interests, etc...
10. **Media Literacy** – Critically assessing available information; being able to navigate the news and internet with a critical eye