



COMPASS EDUCATION

A Global Movement of Educators for a Sustainable World

Compass Education is a US non-profit organization & global network that delivers on-site and virtual professional development experiences that engage educators, students and school communities in teaching and learning that leads to empowered global citizens and a more sustainable world.

42 COUNTRIES

200 SCHOOLS

28 FACILITATORS

2,000 EDUCATORS CERTIFIED

85,000+ STUDENTS

18 SUBJECT DISCIPLINES

Our Community

Compass certified teachers and facilitators can be found at these and many other schools:

- United Nations School Hanoi
- Hong Kong Academy
- UWCSEA Singapore - East
- UWCSEA Singapore - Dover
- American School of Guadalajara
- American School of Mozambique
- NIST International School
- International School of Kuala Lumpur
- Green School Bali
- Australian Independent School Indonesia
- American School Puerto Vallarta
- Colegio Interamericano
- Colegio Maya
- Wells International School
- Prem Tinsulanonda International School
- Dalian American International School
- ISG Jubail
- ISG Dhahran High School
- International School of Havana
- Columbus School
- Northbridge International School
- Lanna International School Thailand

The Compass Toolkit

The Compass toolkit is designed to integrate easily into existing curriculum; deepening current learning, facilitating communication among students, broadening perspectives and enhancing collaboration. The tools are used to support 21st century learning objectives, are often integrated in IB curriculum and are perfectly aligned for service projects and service learning. The tools can be effectively used in all subjects and at all grade levels.

Compass Education supports schools to develop global citizens that have the tools and mindsets to think critically and contribute positively to their communities and the world.

For more information or to join a Compass Education training, please contact:

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Our Approach



Advocate & Apply Systems Thinking

Our tools build confidence and **thinking routines** to enable students to **critically analyze** their community and the world around them as well as **language** to **communicate their ideas** to others. These routines can be integrated right into your lessons.



Understand Nature and Human Sustainability

Students learn **processes** for understanding natural and human systems through **authentic inquiry** and practice **articulating** their interconnections. They can be used to dig deep into a subject or highlight **interdisciplinary learning**.



Empower Global Citizens

Our tools help students **reflect** on their place in the world, **build empathy** with other people and perspectives, and **evaluate** their opportunities to be change agents and take action.



Promote Experiential Learning Pedagogy

The tools are meant to be **applied to address real world examples**, challenges and situations which encourages **problem solving** and **deeply contextualized** learning opportunities.

From Our Course Participants

Thank you, Compass Education, for being the moral compass the education world in particular and the world in general, needs! This is the work I have always imagined education should be about, and Compass is helping me to see the possibilities for making this vision of education a reality.

—Derek Chase, ASFG Mexico

I can't even imagine the innovations/solutions our students could produce in the future if we taught them about the Compass in school. I think it could be revolutionary!

—Yasmeen Alnaji, ISG, Dhahran High School

This is the workshop all educators should do as part of professional development aimed at encouraging our students to be proactive, collaborative, critical thinkers who make a positive difference in the world we live in. The models for sustainability provide massive scope for students to facilitate and promote positive sustainable change. Thank you so much!

— Jason Howorth, UWCSEA

I used to think the tools might be complex and challenging for younger children, but now I see that it helps unpack the complexity and encourages deeper dialogue and thought.

—Mary, UWCSEA

As an educator I feel most rewarded when a sense of purpose is renewed and strengthened. This is the impact of work with Compass Education.

—Cabby Tennis, NESAs



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Professional Development

Most offerings are available in on-site and online formats

Introduction to the Compass Tools: Systems Thinking for Sustainability in the Classroom

This one day workshop (or 6 hours in virtual delivery) has been developed to enable schools to efficiently and effectively introduce educators, administrators and support staff to the fundamentals of sustainability and systems thinking. The process is designed to scaffold learners in systems processes through the introduction of two of the most important and useful systems thinking tools; the Sustainability Compass and Systems Iceberg. Participants are encouraged to put their learning into immediate practice in the design of a lesson or project plan.

- Format: One day on-site or Virtual delivery in 1, 2 or 3 session formats.
- Certification: No, but supplement available
- Audience: All disciplines and all grade levels.

Teaching and Learning for a Sustainable World: A Systems Thinking Approach

In this certification course, participants will explore the concept of sustainability with specific emphasis on the role of education and the use of systems thinking to enhance student learning. Participants will leave with a deeper understanding of sustainability, a greater awareness of their own systems contexts, skill in using systems thinking tools and the ability to successfully incorporate and align sustainability with existing curriculum.

Whether you're running a school or facilitating a conversation in the classroom, this course is for you!

- Format: On-site 2 day (12 hours). Online option in 7-week facilitated cohorts
- Certification: YES – Level 1 "practitioner"
- Audience: All disciplines and all grade levels

Systems Change for a Sustainable World: Becoming a Change Maker in your School Community

In this course participants explore the challenges and means of integrating sustainability values, principles and practice into education—specifically existing curriculum and school culture. Special emphasis is placed on the use of systems thinking to enhance teaching and student learning. Systems thinking tools and methods will be demonstrated and participants will have the opportunity to explore their practical application within their own subject disciplines and as agents of change for school transformation.

- Format: On-site 2 day (12 hours). Online option waiting list
- Certification: YES – Level 2 "educator"
- Audience: All disciplines and grade levels.
- Participants must have successfully completed the Level 1 course and have experience implementing the tools.

School Community Sustainability Transformation (SCST)

The SCST process is designed to support schools that are interested in integrating sustainability concepts holistically into their current structure while learning and practicing the skills of systems thinking. Compass Education works with your team to understand your school context, needs, resources and values and then supports your team as they develop indicators for success and innovations that will accomplish the sustainability outcomes that are most appropriate and beneficial. This is a highly customized program for committed school communities.

Format: On-site or online. Timeline for process is designed for your school but most schools require 6mo - 1year.

Audience: Must include a cohort of participants that are representative of your school community.

Pricing: Dependent on school process and on-site/virtual formats.

Please visit our web page for additional offerings