Leaves of Interest and Passion
The leaves interact with and help regulate the environment and provide energy for continued growth. Things like—
- Transformational Opportunities
- Having an impact
- Doing the work
- Meeting needs

Branches of Engagement
The branches are responsible for stretching out as far and wide as possible to support and assist the leaves on reaching the best light. Things like—
- Political Action
- Social Justice
- Community Service

Trunk of Civic Learning
The trunk transmits energy and the elements necessary for growth and gives strength and support to the leaves and branches. Things like—
- Six Proven Practices
- Communication skills
- Collaboration skills
- Inquiry
- Building perspectives
- Confronting Realities
- Identifying Values
- Making Choices
- Taking Action
- Student Voice

Roots of Engagement
The roots are an anchor and gather and store elements necessary for growth. Things like—
- SECD Standards
- Empathy
- Curiosity
- Resilience
- Self-Awareness
- Integrity
- Resourcefulness
- Creativity
- Self-efficacy
- Hopefulness
- Assertiveness
- Persistence