Science 7 (1) - DRAFT

STRAND	SUBSTRAND	STANDARD	BENCHMARK	ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS	MATERIALS / RESOURCES	ASSESSMENTS
History and Nature of Science	Scientific World View	The student will understand that science is a way of knowing about the world that is characterized by empirical criteria, logical argument and skeptical review.	The student will recognize how scientific knowledge is subject to change as new evidence becomes available, or as new theories cause scientists to look at old observations differently. The student will explain natural phenomena by using appropriate physical, conceptual and mathematical models.	Scientific knowledge changes as new evidence becomes available. Plate tectonics is an example of new knowledge that scientists have used. Natural phenomena are events that occur naturally. Examples include physical models of cells, phases of the moon, and models of an atom.	Teacher generated notes, handouts and overheads.	Homework, Homework Quizzes, Chapter Tests and Quizzes.
History and Nature of Science	Scientific Inquiry	The student will design and conduct scientific investigations.	The student will formulate a testable hypothesis based on prior knowledge. The student will recognize that a variable is a condition that may influence the outcome of an investigation and know the importance of manipulating one variable at a time. The student will write a specific step-by-step procedure for a scientific investigation. The student will explain how classroom scientific investigations relate to established scientific principles.	1. A hypothesis is a scientific guess. 2. Investigatable questions are measurable (observable), and identify variables. A variable is something that changes in a scientific investigation. A control does not change in scientific investigation. A testable hypothesis is based on prior knowledge. A variable is a condition and should be manipulated one variable at a time. Manipulate (control) means. 3. Scientific investigation includes questions, hypothesis, experiment, conclusion. Classroom scientific investigation relate to established scientific principles.	Teacher generated notes, handouts and overheads.	Homework, Homework Quizzes, Chapter Tests and Quizzes.

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, ,	cientific	The student will know that science and technology are human efforts that both influence, and are influenced by, society.	The student will give examples of the development of technology influencing scientific knowledge, and investigation and scientific knowledge influencing the development of technology.	Technology influences scientific knowledge and investigation. An example of scientific technology is the microscope. The development of microscopes (technology) was needed to advance microbiology. (study of microorganisms)	Teacher generated notes, handouts and overheads.	Homework, Homework Quizzes, Chapter Tests and Quizzes.
, ,	listoric erspectives	The student will understand how scientific discovery, culture, societal norms and technology have influenced one another in different time periods.	The student will cite examples of individuals throughout history who made discoveries and contributions in science and technology. The student will cite examples of how culture influences scientific and technological advances.	Scientific knowledge influences technology. 1. Individuals throughout history have made contributions and discoveries in science. Examples include: Isaac Newton (gravity), Charles Darwin (classification), Gregor Mendel (genetics) Louis Pasteur (pasteurization), James Hutton (geology) and many more. 2. Culture influences scientific and technological advances. Advances can include agricultural, manufacturing, sanitation, medicinal.	Teacher generated notes, handouts and overheads.	Homework Homework Quizzes, Chapter Tests and Quizzes.

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Life	Cells	The student will	The student will know that cells	1. Cells are the fundamental	Teacher generated	Homework,
Science	000	understand that	are the fundamental units of life.	units of life.	notes, handouts	Homework
		all organisms		2. There are single-cellular	and overheads.	Quizzes,
		are composed	The student will distinguish	and multi-cellular organisms.		Chapter
		of cells that	between single-cellular and	Protists are examples of		Tests and
		carry on the	multi-cellular organisms.	single cellular organisms.		Quizzes.
		many functions		Plants and animals are multi-		
		needed to	The student will distinguish	cellular.		
		sustain life.	between plant and animal cells.	3. There are differences		
				between plant and animal		
			The student will recognize that	cells.		
			cells repeatedly divide for	Plant cells have cell walls,		
			growth and repair.	animal cells don't.		
				Plant cells have chloroplasts		
			The student will recognize that	(green color).		
			cells convert energy from food	4. Cells divide for growth and		
			for the production of molecules	repair.		
			necessary for life, and for life	Mitosis (division)		
			processes including cell growth	5. Cells convert energy from		
			and cell division.	food for cell growth and cell		
			The student will recognize that	division.		
			The student will recognize that	6. Multi-cellular organisms		
			specialized cells in multi-cellular	have specialized cells for specialized functions.		
			organisms perform specialized functions.	Nerve cells receive and		
			TUTICUOTIS.	transmit signals.		
				Red blood cells carry		
				oxygen. White blood cells		
				fight disease.		
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Life Science	Diversity of Organisms	The student will understand that living systems, at every level of organization, demonstrate the complementary nature of structure and function.	The student will explain that individuals are composed of specialized cells, tissues, organs and organ systems that perform specialized functions. The student will recognize that an organism's body plan and its ability to regulate its internal environment enable it to make or find food, grow and reproduce in a constantly changing environment. The student will recognize that behavioral responses of organisms may be determined by heredity and past experience. The student will use and create dichotomous keys. The student will use the characteristics of an organism to identify the kingdom to which it belongs.	The organization of a multi-celled organism includes cells, tissues, organs, and organ systems. Endothermic means inside. Ectothermic means outside. Organisms adapt to their habitat.	Teacher generated notes, handouts and overheads.	Homework, Homework Quizzes, Chapter Tests and Quizzes.

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Life Science	Interdependence of Life	The student will understand that within ecosystems, complex interactions exist between organisms and the physical environment.	The student will provide examples of the potentially irreversible effects of human activity on ecosystems. The student will define a population as all individuals of a species that exist together at a given place and time. The student will define an ecosystem as all populations living together and the physical factors with which they interact. The student will explain the factors that affect the number and types of organisms an ecosystem can support, including available resources, abiotic and biotic factors and disease.	1. Examples of irreversible human effects on ecosystems include pollution, deforestation, urban sprawl, global warming, and biological magnification. 2. Population is all individuals of a species that exist together at a given place and time. 3. An ecosystem is the populations of animals (biotic) in an area. Ecosystems include abiotic factors such as water, soil, temperature, and light. In an ecosystem abiotic and biotic factors interact. 4. Ecosystems can have a carrying capacity. A carrying capacity is the numbers of organisms an ecosystem can support. Factors of carrying capacity include water, temperature, and light.	Teacher generated notes, handouts and overheads. Video: "Never Cry Wolf"	Homework, Homework Quizzes, Chapter Tests and Quizzes.
Life Science	Heredity	The student will understand that heredity information is contained in genes which are inherited through both sexual and asexual reproduction.	The student will recognize that inherited traits result from information contained in genes, which are located on chromosomes of each cell. The student will recognize that each gene carries a single unit of information and can influence more than one trait. The student will explain how inherited traits can be determined by one or many genes. The student will comprehend that interactions with the	1. Inherited traits come from genes located on chromosomes of each cell. Each gene carries a single unit of information that can influence traits. Genes are units in chromosomes that affect heredity. A trait is a physical characteristic brought about by genes. 2. Interactions with our environment affect some of our inherited traits. Examples are malnutrition, diet, and the amount of light and water on plants.	Teacher generated notes, handouts and overheads. Video: "Clone" Video: "Double Take" Punnett square/heredity handout	Homework, Homework Quizzes, Chapter Tests and Quizzes.

environment affect some	Reproduction is essential for	-
inherited traits.	the continuation of a species.	
intented traits.		
The student will compact and	Reproduction is a life activity	
The student will comprehend	(like respiration, nutrition)	
that reproduction is essential for	Reproduction ties in with	
the continuation of a species.	sustainability	
	6. Sexual reproduction is the	
The student will compare and	union of two sex cells	
contrast the advantages and	An advantage of sexual	
disadvantages of sexual and	reproduction is genetic	
asexual reproduction.	diversity.	
	A disadvantage of sexual	
	reproduction is expending	
	increased energy.	
	Asexual reproduction is	
	when no sex cells are	
	involved.	
	Advantages of asexual	
	reproduction are rapid	
	reproductions, and no mate	
	is required.	
	A disadvantage is decreased	
	genetic variation.	

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Science 7 Life Science	Biological Populations Change Over Time	The student will understand how biological evolution provides a scientific explanation for the fossil record of ancient life forms, as well as for the striking similarities observed among the diverse species of living organisms.	The student will recognize extinction is a common event. The student will describe how the fossil record documents the appearance and diversification of many life forms. The student will explain how biological adaptations in structure, function and behavior enhance the reproductive success and survival of a species in a particular environment. The student will recognize that scientific evidence can be used to infer common ancestry among some organisms. The student will explain how diversity of species develops through gradual processes over generations.	1. Extinction is when groups of organisms (species) die out. Extinction is a common event. 2. The fossil record shows when many life forms lived during various times. Organisms have changed over time. 3. A biological adaptation is when a plant or animal adjusts to its environment. Adaptation increases a species survival rate. Biological adaptations enhance reproductive success. 4. Scientific evidence can be used to infer common ancestry among organisms. Fossil records are examples of how scientific evidence. 5. Diversity means variety. Diversity develops in species through gradual processes over generations. Some gradual processes of diversity are food sources and climate changes.	Teacher generated notes and overheads.	Homework, Homework Quizzes, Chapter Tests and Quizzes.

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Life Science	Flow of Matter and Energy	The student will understand how the flow of energy and the recycling of matter contribute to a stable ecosystem.	The student will know that plants use the energy in light to make sugars out of carbon dioxide and water. The student will explain how energy is transferred through food chains and food webs in an ecosystem. The student will explain how the amount of useable energy available to organisms decreases as it passes through a food chain and/or food web. The student will know that the total amount of matter in a closed system remains the same as it is transferred between organisms and the physical environment even though its location or form changes. The student will compare and contrast predator/prey, parasite/host and producer/consumer/decomposer relationships.	1. Plants use energy in light to make sugars out of carbon dioxide and water. This process is called photosynthesis. 2/3. Energy is transferred through food chains and food webs in an ecosystem. Energy decreases in a food pyramid as it goes up. Food chains are the pathways by which living things obtain, use, and transfer energy. Pyramids can be used to show information about ecosystems. An ecosystem consists of living and nonliving organisms working together in an environment. Producers are plants. Consumers get energy from producers. Decomposers break down living and nonliving things. 4. The amount of matter transferred between organisms in a system remains the same. 5. Owls and mice are examples of a predator and prey relationship in Minnesota. Owls are predators (eat prey for energy). A parasite is a plant or animal that feeds on a host. A host provides energy for the parasite. (Deer and Deer Ticks) Producers, consumers, and decomposers make up ecosystems. (Deer, rabbits, grass)	Teacher generated notes and overheads.	Homework, Homework Quizzes, Chapter Tests and Quizzes.

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Life Science	Human Organism	The student will understand human body systems and their relationship to disease.	The student will recognize that disease can be caused by genetics, infection by other organisms, exposure to environmental factors or a combination of these. The student will identify risks associated with natural, chemical and biological hazards. The student will describe the structure and function of systems for digestion, respiration, reproduction, circulation, excretion, movement, control and coordination and for protection from disease, in the human organism.	1&2. Diseases can be caused by genetics (inherited), infection, or exposure to environmental factors, or a combination of these. 3. The body has systems that have certain functions. Systems in the body are digestion, respiration, reproduction, circulation, excretion, movement, control and coordination. These systems are part of life activities. Digestion is absorbing food and nutrients. Respiration is using energy (breathing). Reproduction is needed for sustainability. Circulation is blood moving throughout the body. Movement is "locomotion;" using energy. Excretion is getting rid of waste. Control is response to stimuli.	Teacher generated notes and overheads.	Homework, Homework Quizzes, Chapter Tests and Quizzes.