Hillside Township School District

Zoology

Grade 11-12

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District Mission Statement

The mission of the Hillside Public Schools is to ensure that all students at all grade levels achieve the Next Generation Science Standards and make connections to real-world success. We are committed to strong parent-community school partnerships, providing a safe, engaging, and effective learning environment, and supporting a comprehensive system of academic and developmental support that meets the unique needs of each individual.

Academic Area Overview

The Hillside Township School District is committed to excellence. We believe that all children are entitled to an education that will equip them to become productive citizens of the twenty-first century. We believe that an education grounded in the fundamental principles of science will provide students with the skills and content necessary to become our future leaders.

A sound science education is grounded in the principles of inquiry and rigor. Children are actively engaged in learning as they model real-world scientific behaviors to construct knowledge. They have ample opportunities to manipulate materials in ways that are developmentally appropriate to their age. They work in an environment that encourages them to take risks, think critically, and make models, note patterns and anomalies in those patterns. Children are encouraged to ask questions, not just the "how" and the "what" of observed phenomena, but also the "why".

Our program provides teachers with cost-effective science materials that are aligned to state and national standards, incorporate instructional strategies that are research-based, and provides teachers with a deep understanding of science and the pedagogical underpinnings of science. Our teachers receive quality professional development through a partnership with nearby districts. Our K-8 kit based program encourages "hands-on science" and is endorsed by the National Science Foundation.

Equality and Equity in Curriculum

The Hillside Township School District ensures that the district's curriculum and instruction are aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards and addresses the elimination of discrimination and the achievement gap, as identified by underperforming school-level AYP reports for State assessment, by providing equity in educational programs and by providing opportunities for students to interact positively with others regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender, religion, disability or socioeconomic status.

N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.7(b): Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973; N.J.S.A. 10:5; Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972

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New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Science

The New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Science (NJSLS-S) describe the expectations for what students should know and be able to do as well as promote three-dimensional science instruction across the three science domains (i.e., physical sciences, life science, Earth and space sciences). From the earliest grades, the expectation is that students will engage in learning experiences that enable them to investigate phenomena, design solutions to problems, make sense of evidence to construct arguments, and critique and discuss those arguments (in appropriate ways relative to their grade level). The foundation of the NJSLS-S reflects three dimensions — science and engineering practices, disciplinary core ideas, and crosscutting concepts. The performance expectations are derived from the interplay of these three dimensions. It is essential that these three components are integrated into all learning experiences. Within each standard document, the three dimensions are intentionally presented as integrated components to foster sensemaking and designing solutions to problems. Because the NJSLS-S is built on the notions of coherence and contextuality, each of the science and engineering practices and crosscutting concepts appear multiple times across topics and at every grade level. Additionally, the three dimensions should be an integral part of every curriculum unit and should not be taught in isolation.

Zoology Overview

Zoology is a course that will survey the nine major phyla of the Kingdom Animalia. Zoology. Zoologists research everything they think to ask about animals, including their anatomy and interrelationships, their physiology and genetics, and their distributions and habitats. Human beings have been zoologists for as long as there have been human beings. As humans, we are intricately tied to animal life – we've depended on many of them for food, work, and friendship throughout our evolution and history, not to mention that we ARE animals. Students in the Zoology course continue to develop knowledge in the core disciplinary ideas described in the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) including science as inquiry. The objectives of this course are to apply the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Crosscutting Concepts that bridge disciplinary boundaries, uniting core ideas throughout the fields of science and engineering.

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New Jersey Student Learning Standards Science

HS-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

HS-LS1-1. Construct an explanation based on evidence for how the structure of DNA determines the structure of proteins which carry out the essential functions of life through systems of specialized cells. [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include identification of specific cell or tissue types, whole body systems, specific protein structures and functions, or the biochemistry of protein synthesis.]

HS-LS1-2. Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on functions at the organism system level such as nutrient uptake, water delivery, and organism movement in response to neural stimuli. An example of an interacting system could be an artery depending on the proper function of elastic tissue and smooth muscle to regulate and deliver the proper amount of blood within the circulatory system.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include interactions and functions at the molecular or chemical reaction level.]

HS-LS1-3. Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that feedback mechanisms maintain homeostasis. [Clarification Statement: Examples of investigations could include heart rate response to exercise, stomate response to moisture and temperature, and root development in response to water levels.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the cellular processes involved in the feedback mechanism.]

HS-LS1-4. Use a model to illustrate the role of cellular division (mitosis) and differentiation in producing and maintaining complex organisms. [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include specific gene control mechanisms or rote memorization of the steps of mitosis.]

HS-LS1-5. Use a model to illustrate how photosynthesis transforms light energy into stored chemical energy. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on illustrating inputs and outputs of matter and the transfer and transformation of energy in photosynthesis by plants and other photosynthesizing organisms. Examples of models could include diagrams, chemical equations, and conceptual models.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include specific biochemical steps.]

HS-LS1-6. Construct and revise an explanation based on evidence for how carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen from sugar molecules may combine with other elements to form amino acids and/or other large carbon-based molecules. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using evidence from models and simulations to support explanations.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the details of the specific chemical reactions or identification of macromolecules.]

HS-LS1-7. Use a model to illustrate that cellular respiration is a chemical process whereby the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and the bonds in new compounds are formed resulting in a net transfer of energy. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the conceptual understanding of the inputs and outputs of the process of cellular respiration.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment should not include identification of the steps or specific processes involved in cellular respiration.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices

Developing and Using Models

Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds.

- § Develop and use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-LS1-2)
- § Use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-LS1-4),(HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-7)

Planning and Carrying Out Investigations

Planning and carrying out in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to include investigations that

Disciplinary Core Ideas

LS1.A: Structure and Function

- § Systems of specialized cells within organisms help them perform the essential functions of life. (HS-LS1-1)
- § All cells contain genetic information in the form of DNA molecules. Genes are regions in the DNA that contain the instructions that code for the formation of proteins, which carry out most of the work of cells. (HS-LS1-1) *(Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by HS-LS3- 1.)*
- § Multicellular organisms have a hierarchical structural organization, in which any one system is made up of numerous parts and is itself a

Crosscutting Concepts

Systems and System Models

- § Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions— including energy, matter, and information flows—within and between systems at different scales. (HS-LS1-2), (HS-LS1-4)

Energy and Matter

- § Changes of energy and matter in a system can be described in terms of energy and matter flows into, out of, and within that system. (HS-LS1-5), (HS-LS1-6)
- § Energy cannot be created or destroyed—it only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems. (HS-LS1-7)

Structure and Function

- § Investigating or designing new systems or structures requires a detailed examination of the properties of different materials, the structures of different components, and connections of components to reveal its function and/or solve a problem. (HS-LS1-1)

Stability and Change

- § Feedback (negative or positive) can stabilize or destabilize a system. (HS- LS1-3)

provide evidence for and test conceptual, mathematical, physical, and empirical models.

§ Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. (HS-LS1-3)

Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions

Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student- generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.

§ Construct an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS1-1)

§ Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS1-6)

component of the next level. (HS-LS1-2)

§ Feedback mechanisms maintain a living system's internal conditions within certain limits and mediate behaviors, allowing it to remain alive and functional even as external conditions change within some range. Feedback mechanisms can encourage (through positive feedback) or discourage (negative feedback) what is going on inside the living system. (HS-LS1-3)

LS1.B: Growth and Development of Organisms

§ In multicellular organisms individual cells grow and then divide via a process called mitosis, thereby allowing the organism to grow. The organism begins as a single cell (fertilized egg) that divides successively to produce many cells, with each parent cell passing identical genetic material (two variants of each chromosome pair) to both daughter cells. Cellular division and differentiation produce and maintain a complex organism, composed of systems of tissues and organs that work together to meet the needs of the whole organism. (HS-LS1-4)

LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms

§ The process of photosynthesis converts light energy to stored chemical energy by converting carbon dioxide plus water into sugars plus released oxygen. (HS-LS1-5)

§ The sugar molecules thus formed contain carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen: their hydrocarbon backbones are used to make amino acids and other carbon-based molecules that can be assembled into larger molecules (such as proteins or DNA), used for example to form new cells. (HS-LS1-6)

§ As matter and energy flow through different

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HS-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

HS-LS2-1. Use mathematical and/or computational representations to support explanations of factors that affect carrying capacity of ecosystems at different scales. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on quantitative analysis and comparison of the relationships among interdependent factors including boundaries, resources, climate, and competition. Examples of mathematical comparisons could include graphs, charts, histograms, and population changes gathered from simulations or historical data sets.] [*Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include deriving mathematical equations to make comparisons.*]

HS-LS2-2. Use mathematical representations to support and revise explanations based on evidence about factors affecting biodiversity and populations ecosystems of different scales. [Clarification Statement: Examples of mathematical representations include finding the average, determining trends, and using gr comparisons of multiple sets of data.] [*Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to provided data.*]

HS-LS2-3. Construct and revise an explanation based on evidence for the cycling of matter and flow of energy in aerobic and anaerobic conditions. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on conceptual understanding of the role of aerobic and anaerobic respiration in different environments.] [*Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the specific chemical processes of either aerobic or anaerobic respiration.*]

HS-LS2-4. Use mathematical representations to support claims for the cycling of matter and flow of energy among organisms in an ecosystem. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using a mathematical model of stored energy in biomass to describe the transfer of energy from one trophic level to another and that matter and energy are conserved as matter cycles and energy flows through ecosystems. Emphasis is on atoms and molecules such as carbon, oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen being conserved as they move through an ecosystem.] [*Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to proportional reasoning to describe the cycling of matter and flow of energy.*]

HS-LS2-5. Develop a model to illustrate the role of photosynthesis and cellular respiration in the cycling of carbon among the biosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, and geosphere. [Clarification Statement: Examples of models could include simulations and mathematical models.] [*Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the specific chemical steps of photosynthesis and respiration.*]

HS-LS2-6. Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning that the complex interactions in ecosystems maintain relatively consistent numbers and types of organisms in stable conditions, but changing conditions may result in a new ecosystem. [Clarification Statement: Examples of changes in ecosystem conditions could include modest biological or physical changes, such as moderate hunting or a seasonal flood; and extreme changes, such as volcanic eruption or sea level rise.]

HS-LS2-7. Design, evaluate, and refine a solution for reducing the impacts of human activities on the environment and biodiversity.* [Clarification Statement: Examples of human activities can include urbanization, building dams, and dissemination of invasive species.]

HS-LS2-8. Evaluate the evidence for the role of group behavior on individual and species' chances to survive and reproduce. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on: (1) distinguishing between group and individual behavior, (2) identifying evidence supporting the outcomes of group behavior, and (3) developing logical and reasonable arguments based on evidence. Examples of group behaviors could include flocking, schooling, herding, and cooperative behaviors such as hunting, migrating, and swarming.]

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Science and Engineering Practices

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- Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or components of a system. (HS-LS2-5)

Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking

Mathematical and computational thinking in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions.

- Use mathematical and/or computational representations of phenomena or design solutions to support explanations. (HS-LS2-1)
- Use mathematical representations of phenomena or design solutions to support and revise explanations. (HS-LS2-2)
- Use mathematical representations of phenomena or design solutions to support claims. (HS-LS2-4)

Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions

Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent

Disciplinary Core Ideas

LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems

- Ecosystems have carrying capacities, which are limits to the numbers of organisms and populations they can support. These limits result from such factors as the availability of living and nonliving resources and from such challenges such as predation, competition, and disease. Organisms would have the capacity to produce populations of great size were it not for the fact that environments and resources are finite. This fundamental tension affects the abundance (number of individuals) of species in any given ecosystem. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2)

LS2.B: Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems

- Photosynthesis and cellular respiration (including anaerobic processes) provide most of the energy for life processes. (HS-LS2-3)
- Plants or algae form the lowest level of the food web. At each link upward in a food web, only a small fraction of the matter consumed at the lower level is transferred upward, to produce growth and release energy in cellular respiration at the higher level. Given this inefficiency, there are generally fewer organisms at higher levels of a food web. Some matter reacts to release energy for life functions, some matter is stored in newly made structures, and much is discarded. The chemical elements that make up the molecules of organisms pass through food webs and into and out of the atmosphere and soil, and they are combined and recombined in different ways. At each link in an ecosystem, matter and energy are conserved. (HS-LS2-4)
- Photosynthesis and cellular respiration are important components of the carbon cycle, in which carbon is exchanged among the biosphere, atmosphere, oceans, and geosphere through chemical, physical, geological, and biological processes. (HS-LS2-5)

LS2.C: Ecosystem Dynamics, Functioning, and Resilience

- A complex set of interactions within an ecosystem can keep its numbers and types of organisms relatively constant over long periods of time under stable conditions. If a modest biological or physical disturbance to an ecosystem occurs, it may return to its more or less original status (i.e., the ecosystem is resilient), as opposed to becoming a very different ecosystem. Extreme fluctuations in conditions or the size of any population, however, can challenge the functioning of ecosystems in terms of resources and habitat availability. (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6)
- Moreover, anthropogenic changes (induced by human activity) in the environment—including habitat destruction, pollution, introduction of invasive species, overexploitation, and climate change—can disrupt an ecosystem and threaten the survival of some species. (HS-LS2-7)

Crosscutting Concepts

Cause and Effect

- Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-LS2-8)

Scale, Proportion, and Quantity

- The significance of a phenomenon is dependent on the scale, proportion, and quantity at which it occurs. (HS-LS2-1)
- Using the concept of orders of magnitude allows one to understand how a model at one scale relates to a model at another scale. (HS-LS2-2)

Systems and System Models

- Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions—including energy, matter, and information flows—within and between systems at different scales. (HS-LS2-5)

Energy and Matter

- Energy cannot be created or destroyed—it only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems. (HS-LS2-4)
- Energy drives the cycling of matter within and between systems. (HS-LS2-3)

Stability and Change

student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories. ● Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS2-3) ● Design, evaluate, and refine a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. (HS-LS2-7) **Engaging in Argument from Evidence** Engaging in argument from evidence in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about the natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current scientific or historical episodes in science. ● Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning behind currently accepted explanations or solutions to determine the merits of arguments. (HS-LS2-6) ● Evaluate the evidence behind currently accepted explanations to determine the merits of arguments. (HS-LS2-8) - ***Connections to Nature of Science*** **Scientific Knowledge is Open to Revision in Light of New Evidence**	**LS2.D: Social Interactions and Group Behavior** ● Group behavior has evolved because membership can increase the chances of survival for individuals and their genetic relatives. (HS-LS2-8) **LS4.D: Biodiversity and Humans** ● Biodiversity is increased by the formation of new species (speciation) and decreased by the loss of species (extinction). *(secondary to HS-LS2-7)* ● Humans depend on the living world for the resources and other benefits provided by biodiversity. But human activity is also having adverse impacts on biodiversity through overpopulation, overexploitation, habitat destruction, pollution, introduction of invasive species, and climate change. Thus sustaining biodiversity so that ecosystem functioning and productivity are maintained is essential to supporting and enhancing life on Earth. Sustaining biodiversity also aids humanity by preserving landscapes of recreational or inspirational value.*(secondary to HS-LS2-7) (Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by HS-LS4-6.)* **PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes** ● The main way that solar energy is captured and stored on Earth is through the complex chemical process known as photosynthesis. *(secondary to HS-LS2-5)* **ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions** ● When evaluating solutions it is important to take into account a range of constraints including cost, safety, reliability and aesthetics and to consider social, cultural and environmental impacts.*(secondary to HS-LS2-7)*	● Much of science deals with constructing explanations of how things change and how they remain stable. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7)

• Most scientific knowledge is quite durable, but is, in principle, subject to change based on new evidence and/or reinterpretation of existing evidence. (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-3) • Scientific argumentation is a mode of logical discourse used to clarify the strength of relationships between ideas and evidence that may result in revision of an explanation. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-8)		

Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:

HS.PS1.B (HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-5); **HS.PS3.B** (HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4); **HS.PS3.D** (HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4); **HS.ESS2.A** (HS-LS2-3); **HS.ESS2.D** (HS-LS2-5),(HS-LS2-7);**HS.ESS2.E** (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7); **HS.ESS3.A** (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-7); **HS.ESS3.C** (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-7); **HS.ESS3.D** (HS-LS2-2)

Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:

MS.PS1.B (HS-LS2-3); **MS.PS3.D** (HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-5); **MS.LS1.B** (MS-LS2-8); **MS.LS1.C** (HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-5); **MS.LS2.A** (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6); **MS.LS2.B** (HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-5); **MS.LS2.C**(HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7); **MS.ESS2.A** (HS-LS2-5); **MS.ESS3.A** (HS-LS2-1); **MS.ESS3.C** (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7); **MS.ESS3.D** (HS-LS2-7)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

ELA/Literacy -

RST.9-10.8 Assess the extent to which the reasoning and evidence in a text support the author's claim or a recommendation for solving a scientific or technical problem.(HS-LS2-6),*(HS-LS2-7),(HS-LS2-8)*

RST.11-12.1 Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies the account. *(HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),*(HS-LS2-3),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-8)

RST.11-12.7 Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., quantitative data, video, multimedia) in order to address a question or solve a problem. *(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7),(HS-LS2-8)*

RST.11-12.8 Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7),(HS-LS2-8)

WHST.9-12.2 Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. *(HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2)*,(HS-LS2-3)

WHST.9-12.5 Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (HS-LS2-3)

WHST.9-12.7 Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-LS2-7)

Mathematics -

MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-6),*(HS-LS2-7)*

MP.4 Model with mathematics. *(HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4)*

HSN.Q.A.1 Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),*(HS-LS2-7)*

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HSN.Q.A.2 Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. *(HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),(HS-LS2-7)*
HSN.Q.A.3 Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-4),*(HS-LS2-7)*
HSS-ID.A.1 Represent data with plots on the real number line. *(HS-LS2-6)*
HSS-IC.A.1 Understand statistics as a process for making inferences about population parameters based on a random sample from that population. *(HS-LS2-6)*
HSS-IC.B.6 Evaluate reports based on data. (HS-LS2-6)

HS-LS3 Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

HS-LS3-1.Ask questions to clarify relationships about the role of DNA and chromosomes in coding the instructions for characteristic traits passed from parents to offspring. [*Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the phases of meiosis or the biochemical mechanism of specific steps in the process.*]
HS-LS3-2.Make and defend a claim based on evidence that inheritable genetic variations may result from: (1) new genetic combinations through meiosis, (2) viable errors occurring during replication, and/or (3) mutations caused by environmental factors. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using data to support arguments for the way variation occurs.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the phases of meiosis or the biochemical mechanism of specific steps in the process.]
HS-LS3-3. Apply concepts of statistics and probability to explain the variation and distribution of expressed traits in a population.[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the use of mathematics to describe the probability of traits as it relates to genetic and environmental factors in the expression of traits.] [*Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include Hardy-Weinberg calculations.*]

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Science and Engineering Practices

Asking Questions and Defining Problems

Asking questions and defining problems in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to formulating, refining, and evaluating empirically testable questions and design problems using models and simulations.

- Ask questions that arise from examining models or a theory to clarify relationships. (HS-LS3-1)

Analyzing and Interpreting Data

Analyzing data in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to introducing more detailed statistical analysis, the comparison of data sets for

Disciplinary Core Ideas

LS1.A: Structure and Function

- All cells contain genetic information in the form of DNA molecules. Genes are regions in the DNA that contain the instructions that code for the formation of proteins. *(secondary to HS-LS3-1) (Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by HS-LS1-1.)*

LS3.A: Inheritance of Traits

- Each chromosome consists of a single very long DNA molecule, and each gene on the chromosome is a particular segment of that DNA. The instructions for forming species' characteristics are carried in DNA. All cells in an organism have the same genetic content, but the genes used (expressed) by the cell may be regulated in different ways. Not all DNA codes for a protein; some segments of DNA are involved in regulatory or structural functions, and some have no as-yet known function. (HS-LS3-1)

LS3.B: Variation of Traits

- In sexual reproduction, chromosomes can sometimes swap sections during the process of meiosis (cell division), thereby creating new genetic combinations and thus more genetic variation. Although DNA replication is tightly regulated and remarkably accurate, errors do

Crosscutting Concepts

Cause and Effect

- Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-LS3-1),(HS-LS3-2)

Scale, Proportion, and Quantity

- Algebraic thinking is used to examine scientific data and predict the effect of a change in one variable on another (e.g., linear growth vs. exponential growth). (HS-LS3-3)

Connections to Nature of Science

Science is a Human Endeavor

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<td>consistency, and the use of models to generate and analyze data.
● Apply concepts of statistics and probability (including determining function fits to data, slope, intercept, and correlation coefficient for linear fits) to scientific and engineering questions and problems, using digital tools when feasible. (HS-LS3-3)
Engaging in Argument from Evidence
Engaging in argument from evidence in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about the natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current scientific or historical episodes in science.
● Make and defend a claim based on evidence about the natural world that reflects scientific knowledge, and student-generated evidence. (HS-LS3-2)</td>
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Mathematics -
MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-LS3-2),(HS-LS3-3)

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HS-LS4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

HS-LS4-1. Communicate scientific information that common ancestry and biological evolution are supported by multiple lines of empirical evidence. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on a conceptual understanding of the role each line of evidence has relating to common ancestry and biological evolution. Examples of evidence could include similarities in DNA sequences, anatomical structures, and order of appearance of structures in embryological development.]

HS-LS4-2. Construct an explanation based on evidence that the process of evolution primarily results from four factors: (1) the potential for a species to increase in number, (2) the heritable genetic variation of individuals in a species due to mutation and sexual reproduction, (3) competition for limited resources, and (4) the proliferation of those organisms that are better able to survive and reproduce in the environment. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using evidence to explain the influence each of the four factors has on number of organisms, behaviors, morphology, or physiology in terms of ability to compete for limited resources and subsequent survival of individuals and adaptation of species. Examples of evidence could include mathematical models such as simple distribution graphs and proportional reasoning.] [*Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include other mechanisms of evolution, such as genetic drift, gene flow through migration, and co-evolution.*]

HS-LS4-3. Apply concepts of statistics and probability to support explanations that organisms with an advantageous heritable trait tend to increase in proportion to organisms lacking this trait. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on analyzing shifts in numerical distribution of traits and using these shifts as evidence to support explanations.] [*Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to basic statistical and graphical analysis. Assessment does not include allele frequency calculations.*]

HS-LS4-4. Construct an explanation based on evidence for how natural selection leads to adaptation of populations. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using data to provide evidence for how specific biotic and abiotic differences in ecosystems (such as ranges of seasonal temperature, long-term climate change, acidity, light, geographic barriers, or evolution of other organisms) contribute to a change in gene frequency over time, leading to adaptation of populations.]

HS-LS4-5. Evaluate the evidence supporting claims that changes in environmental conditions may result in: (1) increases in the number of individuals of some species, (2) the emergence of new species over time, and (3) the extinction of other species. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on determining cause and effect relationships for how changes to the environment such as deforestation, fishing, application of fertilizers, drought, flood, and the rate of change of the environment affect distribution or disappearance of traits in species.]

HS-LS4-6. Create or revise a simulation to test a solution to mitigate adverse impacts of human activity on biodiversity.* [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on designing solutions for a proposed problem related to threatened or endangered species, or to genetic variation of organisms for multiple species.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices

Analyzing and Interpreting Data

Analyzing data in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to introducing more detailed statistical analysis, the comparison of data sets for consistency, and the use of models to generate and analyze data.

- Apply concepts of statistics and probability (including determining function fits to data, slope, intercept, and correlation coefficient for linear fits) to scientific and engineering questions and problems, using digital tools when feasible. (HS-LS4-3)

Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking

Mathematical and computational thinking in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions.

- Create or revise a simulation of a phenomenon, designed device, process, or system. (HS-LS4-6)

Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions

Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.

- Construct an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations,

Disciplinary Core Ideas

LS4.A: Evidence of Common Ancestry and Diversity

- Genetic information, like the fossil record, provides evidence of evolution. DNA sequences vary among species, but there are many overlaps; in fact, the ongoing branching that produces multiple lines of descent can be inferred by comparing the DNA sequences of different organisms. Such information is also derivable from the similarities and differences in amino acid sequences and from anatomical and embryological evidence. (HS-LS4-1)

LS4.B: Natural Selection

- Natural selection occurs only if there is both (1) variation in the genetic information between organisms in a population and (2) variation in the expression of that genetic information—that is, trait variation—that leads to differences in performance among individuals. (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3)
- The traits that positively affect survival are more likely to be reproduced, and thus are more common in the population. (HS-LS4-3)

LS4.C: Adaptation

- Evolution is a consequence of the interaction of four factors: (1) the potential for a species to increase in number, (2) the genetic variation of individuals in a species due to mutation and sexual reproduction, (3) competition for an environment's limited supply of the resources that individuals need in order to survive and reproduce, and (4) the ensuing proliferation of those organisms that are better able to survive and reproduce in that environment. (HS-LS4-2)
- Natural selection leads to adaptation, that is, to a population dominated by organisms that are anatomically, behaviorally, and physiologically well suited to survive and reproduce in a specific environment. That is, the differential survival and reproduction of organisms in a population that have an advantageous heritable trait leads to an increase in the proportion of individuals in future generations that have the trait and to a decrease in the proportion of individuals that do not. (HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4)

Crosscutting Concepts

Patterns

- Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-3)

Cause and Effect

- Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6)

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Connections to Nature of Science

Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems

- Scientific knowledge is based on the assumption that natural laws operate today as they did in the past and they will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-4)

models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-4) **Engaging in Argument from Evidence** Engaging in argument from evidence in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about the natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current or historical episodes in science. ● Evaluate the evidence behind currently accepted explanations or solutions to determine the merits of arguments. (HS-LS4-5) **Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information** Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to evaluating the validity and reliability of the claims, methods, and designs. ● Communicate scientific information (e.g., about phenomena and/or the process of development and the design and performance of a proposed process or system) in multiple formats (including orally, graphically, textually, and mathematically). (HS-LS4-1) - ***Connections to Nature of Science*** **Science Models, Laws, Mechanisms, and Theories Explain Natural Phenomena** ● A scientific theory is a substantiated explanation of some aspect of the	● Adaptation also means that the distribution of traits in a population can change when conditions change. (HS-LS4-3) ● Changes in the physical environment, whether naturally occurring or human induced, have thus contributed to the expansion of some species, the emergence of new distinct species as populations diverge under different conditions, and the decline–and sometimes the extinction–of some species. (HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6) ● Species become extinct because they can no longer survive and reproduce in their altered environment. If members cannot adjust to change that is too fast or drastic, the opportunity for the species' evolution is lost. (HS-LS4-5) **LS4.D: Biodiversity and Humans** ● Humans depend on the living world for the resources and other benefits provided by biodiversity. But human activity is also having adverse impacts on biodiversity through overpopulation, overexploitation, habitat destruction, pollution, introduction of invasive species, and climate change. Thus sustaining biodiversity so that ecosystem functioning and productivity are maintained is essential to supporting and enhancing life on Earth. Sustaining biodiversity also aids humanity by preserving landscapes of recreational or inspirational value. (HS-LS4-6) *(Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by HS-LS2-7.)* **ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions** ● When evaluating solutions, it is important to take into account a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, and to consider social, cultural, and environmental impacts. *(secondary to HS-LS4-6)* ● Both physical models and computers can be used in various ways to aid in the engineering design process. Computers are useful for a variety of purposes, such as running simulations to test different ways of solving a problem or to see which one is most efficient or economical; and in making a persuasive presentation to a client about how a given design will meet his or her needs. *(secondary to HS-LS4-6)*	

natural world, based on a body of facts that have been repeatedly confirmed through observation and experiment and the science community validates each theory before it is accepted. If new evidence is discovered that the theory does not accommodate, the theory is generally modified in light of this new evidence. (HS-LS4-1)		

Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band:

HS.LS2.A (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS3-4),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5); **HS.LS2.D** (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5); **HS.LS3.A** (HS-LS4-1); **HS.LS3.B** (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-5); **HS.ESS1.C** (HS-LS4-1); **HS.ESS2.D** (HS-LS4-6); **HS.ESS2.E** (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6); **HS.ESS3.A** (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-5),(HS-LS4-6); **HS.ESS3.C** (HS-LS4-6); **HS.ESS3.D** (HS-LS4-6)

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RST-11.12.8	Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information. (HS-LS4-5)
WHST.9-12.2	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. *(HS-LS4-1)*,(HS-LS4-2),*(HS-LS4-3)*,(HS-LS4-4)
WHST.9-12.5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. *(HS-LS4-6)*
WHST.9-12.7	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. *(HS-LS4-6)*
WHST.9-12.9	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. *(HS-LS4-1)*,(HS-LS4-2),*(HS-LS4-3)*,(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5)
SL.11-12.4	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. *(HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2)*

Mathematics -

MP.2	Reason abstractly and quantitatively. *(HS-LS4-1)*,(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),*(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5)*
MP.4	Model with mathematics. *(HS-LS4-2)*

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Science Department Lesson Plan Template

Lesson Information

Lesson Name: _____
Unit: _____
Date: _____

Lesson Data

1. Essential Question:

2. NGSS:

3. DCI :

Students will know……

4. Practices:

Students will be able to…..

5. Crosscutting Concepts:

Students will apply…

6. Assessment:

Evidence of student learning:

7. Lesson Agenda:

Include in Lesson Outline:

- *Anticipated timing*
- *DO NOW*
- *Activities and Investigations*
- *Discussion prompts*
- *Journal writing prompts*
- *Student uses of technology*
- *Safety precautions*
- *Materials*

8. Homework:

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Unit 1 Foundations of Zoology

ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
• The world does not work in the naïve way we think the world works. • The primary process for adaptive evolution is natural selection. • Niche is a lot like a collective identity. And when a niche is vacant, natural selection will favor those whose exploit it. (A niche is the sum total of everything that a living thing is: adaptations, habits, range of tolerance, and interactions.) • Animal species exist in temporal and spacial contexts that influence their evolutionary fate. • Change is the only constant. • Frame of reference influences our perspectives of success, time, and charisma. • Humans depend on functioning ecosystems for our wellbeing; and human beings have a profound effect on the world around them. • Animal interactions exist in a dynamic context of exploitation and cooperation	• Why do we study Zoology? • How did the huge diversity of animal kingdom get here over time? (What are the biological mechanisms that explain how animal life changes over time?) • How is the statement, “No species is an island.” true? • How are the challenges of life for a single cell magnified and answered through multicellularity?

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Student Learning Objective	Disciplinary Core Ideas with Extended Knowledge Students will know:	Practices of Science & Engineering with Additional Skills Students will be able to:	Cross Cutting Concepts Students will apply:
NJSLS-S **HS-LS1-2. Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on functions at the organism system level such as nutrient uptake, water delivery, and organism movement in response to neural stimuli. An example of an interacting system could be an artery depending on the proper function of elastic tissue and smooth muscle to regulate and deliver the proper amount of blood within the circulatory system.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include interactions and functions at the molecular or chemical reaction level.]**	**Scientific Knowledge and Explanations** • Evolutionary mechanisms include: natural selection, genetic drift, genetic recombination, mutation, and sexual selection. • Interactions • Invasive species • The main points of the theory of natural selection. • Patterns of population growth • Types of limiting factors and their effects on populations. • Reproductive patterns • Survivorship curves • Limiting factors explain population dynamics. • Interactions represent selective pressures on populations. • Habitat and range are determined through range of tolerance and ecological relationships. • Niches are partitioned in evolutionary time resulting in more diversity and less competition. • Levels of organization in animals	**Modeling** • Develop and use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (**HS-LS1-2**) **Constructing explanations** • Construct an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. **(HSLS1-1)** **Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking** • Use mathematical representations of phenomena or design solutions to support claims**. (HS-LS2-4)** **Critical Thinking, problem solving, and decision making** Evaluate the strengths and limitations of emerging technologies and their	**Cause and Effect** • Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. **(HS-LS3-1),(HS-LS3-2)** **Scale, Proportion, and Quantity** • Algebraic thinking is used to examine scientific data and predict the effect of a change in one variable on another (e.g., linear growth vs. exponential growth). **(HSLS3-3)** **Systems and System Models** IN• Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions—including energy, matter, and information flows—within and between systems at different scales. **(HSLS1-4)**

		impact on educational, career, personal and or social needs. (**Technology 8.1.12.F.1**)	

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Unit 2: Origins of the Animal Kingdom

ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
✓ All groups of animals have the potential to be invasive. ✓ All groups of animals are beneficial for research for pure science or technological application. ✓ All Animals have a skeleton of some sort. ✓ Every animal group has characteristics that humans would consider at the level of superpowers	• How were the fundamental characteristics for animals established with the evolution of sponges, cnidarians, and flatworms? • What characteristics place sponges at the root of the animal family tree and maintain sponges as successful organisms? • Will alien life demonstrate radial symmetry? Why or Why not? • Will alien life demonstrate bilateral symmetry? Why or Why not?

Student Learning Objective	Disciplinary Core Ideas with Extended Knowledge Students will know:	Practices of Science & Engineering with Additional Skills Students will be able to:	Cross Cutting Concepts Students will apply:
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Unit 3: Invertebrates

ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
✓ Patterns and characteristics of animals represent a basic theme from simple to complex	• What makes nematodes so successful? • How can clams, snails, and octopi be so different and still share a common ancestor? • Are burrowing worms the most ecologically important group of animals for the health of the planet? • What makes arthropods so hugely successful in terms of species diversity? • Why have echinoderms "opted for" radial symmetry when most of the animal kingdom has a head and bilateral symmetry?

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Student Learning Objective	Disciplinary Core Ideas with Extended Knowledge Students will know:	Practices of Science & Engineering with Additional Skills Students will be able to:	Cross Cutting Concepts Students will apply:
NJSLS-S **HS-LS1-3. Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that feedback mechanisms maintain homeostasis.** **[Clarification Statement: Examples of investigations could include heart rate response to exercise, stomate response to moisture and temperature, and root development in response to water levels.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the cellular processes involved in the feedback mechanism.]**	Sponges, Cnidarians, Flat and Roundworms Mollusks Segmented worms Arthopods Echinoderms Chordates **Students will understand animal behavior and how evolutionary process has lead to these different animals.** **Students will understand unique structures of each and how differentiation has led to survival of species.**	**Modeling** • Develop and use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (**HS-LS1-2**) **Constructing explanations** • Construct an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. **(HSLS1-1)** **Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking** • Use mathematical representations of phenomena or design solutions to support claims**. (HS-LS2-4)**	**Cause and Effect** • Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. **(HS-LS3-1),(HS-LS3-2)** **Scale, Proportion, and Quantity** • Algebraic thinking is used to examine scientific data and predict the effect of a change in one variable on another (e.g., linear growth vs. exponential growth). **(HSLS3-3)** **Systems and System Models** IN• Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions—including energy, matter, and information flows—within and between systems at different scales. **(HSLS1-4)**

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Unit 4 Vertebrates

ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
✓ Animals have evolved over time which has led to animal diversity. ✓ Scientists group animals based on shared characteristics. ✓ Humans and animal populations impact each other	● What are the behaviors that distinguish animal groups? ● How can animals be studied safely? ● How are invertebrates different from vertebrates? ● How are animal groups similar and different from one another? ● How do animals and humans interact? ● How does bioethics impact the study of Zoology? ● The students will be able to list and differentiate the characteristic of the Phylum Chordata. ● The students will be able to compare the anatomy and physiology of different types of Chordates. ● The students will understand and explain how animals impact each other. ● What characteristics of the vertebrate body plan enabled the largest animals the planet to come into being

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Zoology Pacing

TIME FRAME	UNIT	PERFORMANCE TASKS ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS ASSESSMENTS	RESOURCES/INTERDISCIPLINARY CONNECTIONS
Week 1 - 3	Foundations of Zoology	Ecology Quiz - How animals fit together Invasive species project Natural Selection Quiz Article Review - Student choice Case Study Review Unit Assessment	Biology - Dynamics of Life Unit 8 Newsela Articles IFLS - Journal Readings Zoology (Dorit/Walker/Barnes) Text (copies only) Case Studies http://sciencecases.lib.buffalo.edu/cs/collection/detail.asp?case_id=827&id=827
Weeks 4-8	Origins of the Animal Kingdom	Animal Characteristics Quiz Characteristic Journal Reading What makes an animal an animal - Project Article Review - Student choice Case Study Review Taxonomy Quiz Unit Assessment	Biology - Dynamics of Like Unit 5 and 8 Newsela Articles IFLS - Journal Readings Zoology (Dorit/Walker/Barnes) Text (copies only) Case Studies http://sciencecases.lib.buffalo.edu/cs/collection/detail.asp?case_id=181&id=181
Weeks 9-13	Invertebrates	Animal Characteristics Quiz Invertebrate Characteristic Project Characteristic Journal Reading Article Review - Student choice Case Study Review Virtual Worm Dissections Unit Assessment	Biology - Dynamics of Like Unit 8 Chapters 26-29 Newsela Articles https://newsela.com/articles/BHP-U5-1-lifepurpose/id/3611/ IFLS - JOurnal Readings Zoology (Dorit/Walker/Barnes) Text (copies only) Case Studies

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Weeks 14-20	Vertebrates	Vertebrate Characteristic Project Vertebtate type quiz Characteristic Journal Reading Article Review - Student choice Case Study Review Bioethics Activity Comparision Dissections Unit Assessment	Biology - Dynamics of Like Unit 9 Chapters 30-33 Newsela Articles https://newsela.com/articles/beaver-drought/id/6741/ https://newsela.com/articles/bat-wings/id/16178/ IFLS - JOurnal Readings Zoology (Dorit/Walker/Barnes) Text (copies only) Case Studies

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Modifications

Teacher Note: Teachers identify the modifications that they will use in the unit.

- Restructure lesson using UDL principals (http://www.cast.org/our-work/about-udl.html#.VXmoXcfD_UA)
- Structure lessons around questions that are authentic, relate to students' interests, social/family background and knowledge of their community.
- Provide students with multiple choices for how they can represent their understandings (e.g. multisensory techniques-auditory/visual aids; pictures, illustrations, graphs, charts, data tables, multimedia, modeling).
- Provide opportunities for students to connect with people of similar backgrounds (e.g. conversations via digital tool such as SKYPE, experts from the community helping with a project, journal articles, and biographies).
- Provide multiple grouping opportunities for students to share their ideas and to encourage work among various backgrounds and cultures (e.g. multiple representation and multimodal experiences).
- Engage students with a variety of Science and Engineering practices to provide students with multiple entry points and multiple ways to demonstrate their understandings.
- Use project-based science learning to connect science with observable phenomena.
- Structure the learning around explaining or solving a social or community-based issue.
- Provide ELL students with multiple literacy strategies.
- Collaborate with after-school programs or clubs to extend learning opportunities

NGSS Resources

Appendix F Science & Engineering Practices
Appendix G Crosscutting Concepts