

2019 Unit 03: DNA and Inheritance

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Unit Overview

Students analyze data develop models to make sense of the relationship between DNA and chromosomes in the process of cellular division, which passes traits from one generation to the next. Students determine why individuals of the same species vary in how they look, function, and behave. Students develop *conceptual models* of the role of DNA in the unity of life on Earth and *use statistical models* to explain the importance of variation within populations for the survival and evolution of species. Ethical issues related to genetic modification of organisms and the nature of science are described. Students explain the mechanisms of genetic inheritance and describe the environmental and genetic causes of gene mutation and the alteration of gene expressions. The crosscutting concepts of *structure and function*, *patterns*, and *cause and effect* are used as organizing concepts for the disciplinary core ideas. Students also use the science and engineering practices to demonstrate understanding of the disciplinary core ideas.

Enduring Understandings

- DNA is the genetic material which produces proteins through gene expression. These proteins produce our traits / phenotypes.
- Measurement and observation tools are used to categorize, represent and interpret the natural world.
- There are predictable patterns of inheritance, and the variation that exists within a species is related to its mode of reproduction (sexual or asexual).

Essential Questions

- How do we build and refine models that describe and explain the natural and designed world?
- How does DNA produce traits?
- How is genetic information passed through generations?

Student Learning Objectives (Performance Expectations)

- 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-LS3-1)
- Create a visual representation to illustrate how changes in a DNA nucleotide sequence can result in a change in the polypeptide produced. (LS3.B)
- Explain how the process of meiosis results in the passage of traits from parent to offspring, and how that results in increased genetic diversity necessary for evolution. [Clarification Statement: The emphasis

is on how meiosis results in genetic diversity, not the rote memorization of the steps of meiosis.] (LS1.B)

- 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-LS3-2)
- 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-LS1-4)

Science & Engineering Practices

9-12.HS-ETS1-1.1.1	Analyze complex real-world problems by specifying criteria and constraints for successful solutions.
9-12.HS-ETS1-3.6.1	Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations.
9-12.HS-ETS1-2.6.1	Design a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations.

Disciplinary Core Ideas

9-12.HS-LS1-2.LS1.A.1	Multicellular organisms have a hierarchical structural organization, in which any one system is made up of numerous parts and is itself a component of the next level.
9-12.HS-LS3-1.LS1.A.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.
9-12.HS-LS1-4.LS1.B.1	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.
9-12.HS-LS3-1.LS3.A.1	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.
9-12.HS-LS3-2.LS3.B.1	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 occur and result in mutations, which are also a source of genetic variation. Environmental factors can also cause mutations in genes, and viable mutations are inherited.
9-12.HS-LS3-2.LS3.B.2	Environmental factors also affect expression of traits, and hence affect the probability of occurrences of traits in a population. Thus the variation and distribution of traits observed depends on both genetic and environmental factors.
9-12.HS-LS4-1.LS4.A.1	Genetic information 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.

Cross Cutting Concepts

9-12.HS-LS3-1.2.1	students understand that empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and to make claims about specific causes and effects. They suggest cause and effect relationships to explain and predict behaviors in complex natural and designed systems. They also propose causal relationships by examining what is known about smaller scale mechanisms within the system. They recognize changes in systems may have various causes that may not have equal effects.
9-12.HS-LS1-1.6.1	students investigate systems by examining the properties of different materials, the structures of different components, and their interconnections to reveal the system's function and/or solve a problem. They infer the functions and properties of natural and designed objects and systems from their overall structure, the way their components are shaped and used, and the molecular substructures of their various materials.
9-12.HS-LS2-7.7.1	students understand much of science deals with constructing explanations of how things change and how they remain stable. They quantify and model changes in systems over very short or very long periods of time. They see some changes are irreversible, and negative feedback can stabilize a system, while positive feedback can destabilize it. They recognize systems can be designed for greater or lesser stability.
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Unit Sequence

- • Algebraic thinking is used to examine scientific data and predict the distribution of traits in a population as they relate to the genetic and environmental factors (e.g., linear growth vs. exponential growth).
- • All cells contain genetic information in the form of DNA molecules.
- • All cells in an organism have the same genetic content, but the genes used (expressed) by the cell may be regulated in different ways.
- • Although DNA replication is tightly regulated and remarkably accurate, errors do occur and result in mutations, which are also a source of genetic variation.
- • Apply concepts of statistics and probability (including determining function fits to data, slope, intercepts, and correlation coefficient for linear fits) to explain the variation and distribution of expressed traits in a population.
- • Ask questions that arise from examining models or a theory to clarify relationships about the role of DNA and chromosomes in coding the instructions for characteristic traits passed from parent to offspring.
- • Each chromosome consists of a single, very long DNA molecule, and each gene on the chromosome is a particular segment of that DNA.
- • Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and to make claims about inheritable genetic variations resulting from new genetic combinations through meiosis, viable errors occurring during replication, and/or mutations caused by environmental factors.

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- • 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.
- • Make and defend a claim based on evidence that inheritable genetic variations may result from new genetic combinations through meiosis, viable errors occurring during replication, and/or mutations caused by environmental factors.
- • Not all DNA codes for a protein; some segments of DNA are involved in regulatory or structural functions, and some have, as yet, no known function.
- • Science and engineering are influenced by society, and society is influenced by science and engineering.
- • Technological advances have influenced the progress of science, and science has influenced advances in technology.
- • The instructions for forming species' characteristics are carried in the DNA.
- • Use algebraic thinking to examine scientific data on the variation and distribution of traits in a population and predict the effect of a change in probability of traits as it relates to genetic and environmental factors.
- • Use data to support arguments for the ways inheritable genetic variation occurs.
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- • Use mathematics to describe the probability of traits as it relates to genetic and environmental factors in the expression of traits.
- Concepts
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- Formative Assessment
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- Part A: What can't two roses ever be identical?
- Part B: How does inheritable genetic variation occur?
- Part C: Can a zoologist predict the distribution of expressed traits in a population?

Standards / Indicators

SCI.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.
SCI.HS-LS1-4	Use a model to illustrate the role of cellular division (mitosis) and differentiation in producing and maintaining complex organisms.
SCI.HS-LS3-3	Apply concepts of statistics and probability to explain the variation and distribution of expressed traits in a population.
SCI.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.
9-12.HS-LS3-1.1.1	Ask questions that arise from examining models or a theory to clarify relationships.

Lesson Titles

- chromosomes and meiosis
- DNA replication
- DNA structure
- gene expression
- gene linkage and mapping
- genetic engineering
- human inheritance and pedigrees
- inheritance of traits and probability
- manipulating DNA
- Mendel and heredity
- mutations and cancer
- patterns of inheritance

Career Readiness, Life Literacies & Key Skills

WRK.K-12.P.1	Act as a responsible and contributing community members and employee.
WRK.K-12.P.4	Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
WRK.K-12.P.5	Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
WRK.K-12.P.8	Use technology to enhance productivity increase collaboration and communicate effectively.
WRK.K-12.P.9	Work productively in teams while using cultural/global competence.

Interdisciplinary Connections:

LA.RH.9-10.7	Integrate quantitative or technical analysis (e.g., charts, research data) with qualitative analysis in print or digital text, to analyze information presented via different mediums.
LA.RST.9-10.2	Determine the central ideas, themes, or conclusions of a text; trace the text's explanation

	or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of the text.
LA.RST.9-10.3	Follow precisely a complex multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks, attending to special cases or exceptions defined in the text.
LA.RST.9-10.7	Translate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text into visual form (e.g., a table or chart) and translate information expressed visually or mathematically (e.g., in an equation) into words.
LA.WHST.9-10.4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
LA.WHST.9-10.5	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.
LA.WHST.9-10.6	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, share, and update writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
LA.WHST.9-10.7	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.
LA.WHST.9-10.8	Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
TECH.8.1.12.A.CS1	Understand and use technology systems.
TECH.8.1.12.A.CS2	Select and use applications effectively and productively.
TECH.8.1.12.B.CS1	Apply existing knowledge to generate new ideas, products, or processes.
TECH.8.1.12.B.CS2	Create original works as a means of personal or group expression.
TECH.8.1.12.C.CS1	Interact, collaborate, and publish with peers, experts, or others by employing a variety of digital environments and media.
TECH.8.1.12.C.CS4	Contribute to project teams to produce original works or solve problems.
TECH.8.1.12.D.CS2	Demonstrate personal responsibility for lifelong learning.
TECH.8.1.12.E.CS1	Plan strategies to guide inquiry.
TECH.8.1.12.E.CS2	Locate, organize, analyze, evaluate, synthesize, and ethically use information from a variety of sources and media.
TECH.8.1.12.E.CS4	Process data and report results.
TECH.8.1.12.F.CS2	Plan and manage activities to develop a solution or complete a project.
TECH.8.1.12.F.CS3	Collect and analyze data to identify solutions and/or make informed decisions.

ELA/Literacy & Math Standards

- Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts describing the role of DNA and chromosomes in coding the instructions for characteristic traits passed from parents to offspring, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.
- Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts describing the

ways that inheritable genetic variation occurs, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.

- • Represent symbolically evidence that inheritable genetic variations may result from new genetic combinations through meiosis, viable errors occurring during replication, and/or mutations caused by environmental factors, and manipulate the representing symbols. Make sense of quantities and relationships to describe and predict the ways in which inheritable genetic variation occurs.
- • Represent the variation and distribution of expressed traits in a population symbolically and manipulate the representing symbols. Make sense of quantities and relationships to describe and predict the variation and distribution of expressed traits in a population.
- • Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of the role of DNA and chromosomes in coding the instructions for characteristic traits passed from parents to offspring, resolving conflicting information when possible.
- • Write arguments, based on evidence, that inheritable genetic variations may result from new genetic combinations through meiosis, viable errors occurring during replication, and/or mutations caused by environmental factors.
- English Language Arts/Literacy
- Mathematics

Instructional Strategies, Learning Activities. Levels of Blooms / DOK

- class discussion
- class notes
- demonstration
- DNA discovery timeline
- DNA extraction lab
- gel electrophoresis lab
- gene expression and mutation sheet
- genetic disease project
- genetic disease slide presentation
- human inheritance lab
- poster presentation
- Punnett square sheet
- sex-linked inheritance lab
- stem cell pro/con debate
- TED talk
- video clips
- webquest
- worksheets

Modifications

ELL Modifications

- Focus on domain specific vocabulary and keywords
- Group students
- K-W-L charts (what I know - what I want to know - what I've learned).
- Provide ELL students with multiple literacy strategies
- Repeat, reword, clarify
- Tap prior knowledge
- Use graphic organizer
- Use real objects when possible

IEP & 504 Modifications

- Focus on domain specific vocabulary and keywords
- modeling and showing lots of examples
- non-verbal redirection of behaviors
- providing study guides that don't lead the student to study too much extraneous information (less unnecessary details)/scaffolded study guides
- rewording questions so that there are not higher level vocabulary within the question (you are testing for understanding of the content not the ability to understand the question)

Gifted and Talented Modifications

- Ask students' higher level questions that require students to look into causes, experiences, and facts to draw a conclusion or make connections to other areas of learning.
- Determine where students' interests lie and capitalize on their inquisitiveness. (Is there a specific career they are interested in? How would this apply to their interest?)
- Encourage students to explore concepts in depth and encourage independent studies or investigations
- Evaluation of thesis statements
- Generating and testing hypotheses
- Graph analysis / interpretation
- Journal article analysis

At Risk Modifications

- additional help during tutoring/Delsea One/Academic Enrichment
- hands-on Instruction
- modeling and showing lots of examples
- review, restate, reword directions
- testing modifications

- visuals

Alternative Assessments

Performance tasks
Project-based assignments
Problem-based assignments
Presentations
Reflective pieces
Concept maps
Case-based scenarios
Portfolios

Benchmark Assessments

Skills-based assessment
Reading response
Writing prompt
Lab practical

Formative Assessment

- exit ticket
- google survey
- Kahoot
- KWL form
- lesson summary
- previous class review
- question of the day
- Think-pair-share

Summative Assessment

- basic chemistry quiz
- benchmark assessment / marking period assessment
- cancer project
- cell anatomy test
- cell cycle quiz

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- mitosis lab
- organelle project
- organic molecule project
- organic molecule quiz
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Resources and Materials

- DNA Transcription and Translation Simulation: Ask questions that arise from examining models or a theory, to clarify and/or seek additional information and relationships.
<https://phet.colorado.edu/en/contributions/view/3829>
- Embryonic Development: Ask questions that can be investigated within the scope of the school laboratory, research facilities, or field with available resources and, when appropriate, frame a hypothesis based on a model or theory.
<http://courses.washington.edu/edtep586/embryological%20development.pdf>
- Genetics: Manipulate variables and collect data about a complex model of a proposed process or system to identify failure points or improve performance relative to criteria for success or other variables.
<http://www.geneticalliance.org.uk/genesandyouunitsix.htm>
- Google Classroom
- Growth and Development: Apply scientific reasoning, theory, and/or models to link evidence to the claims to assess the extent to which the reasoning and data support the explanation or conclusion.
<http://sciencenetlinks.com/science-news/science-updates/growing-vocal-cords/>
- Inheritance and Variation: Genetic Variation: Design, evaluate, and/or refine a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and trade-off considerations.
http://learn.genetics.utah.edu/content/inheritance/activities/pdfs/A%20Recipe%20for%20Traits_Public.pdf
- Mitosis: Develop and/or use a model to generate data to support explanations, predict phenomena, analyze systems, and/or problems.
- Structure and Function: Stem Cell: Evaluate the validity and reliability of and/or synthesize multiple claims, methods, and/or designs that appear in scientific and technical texts or media reports, verifying the data when possible. http://sepuplhs.org/pdfs/sgi_cell_14_tg.pdf
- textbook

Technology

- chromebooks
- <http://www.biotechinstitute.org/go.cfm?do=Page.View&pid=24>
- <https://learn.genetics.utah.edu/content/labs/>
- internet
- microscopes

TECH.8.1.12

Educational Technology: All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate knowledge.

TECH.8.1.12.B

Creativity and Innovation: Students demonstrate creative thinking, construct knowledge

and develop innovative products and process using technology.

TECH.8.1.12.C

Communication and Collaboration: Students use digital media and environments to communicate and work collaboratively, including at a distance, to support individual learning and contribute to the learning of others.

TECH.8.1.12.E

Research and Information Fluency: Students apply digital tools to gather, evaluate, and use information.

TECH.8.1.12.F

Critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making: Students use critical thinking skills to plan and conduct research, manage projects, solve problems, and make informed decisions using appropriate digital tools and resources.