Unit 8: Being a Data Scientist

Content Area: **Mathematics**
Course(s):
Time Period: **May**
Length: **4 weeks**
Status: **Published**

Unit Overview:

This unit will bring together all that the students have been working on. Students will have an opportunity to work through the full cycle of data science: making their own decisions about the questions they are interested in exploring, finding data to answer that question, cleaning the data, creating and analyzing a model, communicating with the data visually and reflecting on their process. This will be an iterative process mirroring how data scientists work on a project. Students will gather their own data. They will make decisions about how to work with it and describe the choices they have made including what technology tools to use, cleaning moves, visualization selection, univariate or bivariate data choices, combining data, and other content relevant to their project of choice.

Essential Questions:

How can I use the full cycle of data science to pose and solve a guiding question that interests me?

Enduring Understandings:

- Analyze the adequacy of and make improvements to an existing model or develop a mathematical model of a real phenomenon.
- Identify, analyze, and synthesize relevant external resources to pose or solve problems.

Standards/Indicators/Student Learning Objectives (SLOs):

This Unit should combine and utilize any/all previous mathematical concepts and standards from this curriculum to synthesize into a coherent final project and portfolio.

MATH.9-12.S.IC.B.6	Evaluate reports based on data (e.g., interrogate study design, data sources, randomization, the way the data are analyzed and displayed, inferences drawn and methods used; identify and explain misleading uses of data; recognize when arguments based on data are flawed).

Lesson Titles:

- 8.1 Asking Questions
- 8.2 Gathering and Organizing Data
- 8.3 Modeling
- 8.4 Analyzing and Synthesizing
- 8.5 Communicating

Career Readiness, Life Literacies, & Key Skills:

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.7	Plan education and career paths aligned to personal goals.
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.

Inter-Disciplinary Connections:

CS.9-12.8.1.12.DA.1	Create interactive data visualizations using software tools to help others better understand real world phenomena, including climate change.
CS.9-12.8.1.12.DA.5	Create data visualizations from large data sets to summarize, communicate, and support different interpretations of real-world phenomena.
TECH.8.1.12.A.1	Create a personal digital portfolio which reflects personal and academic interests, achievements, and career aspirations by using a variety of digital tools and resources.
TECH.8.1.12.C.CS2	Communicate information and ideas to multiple audiences using a variety of media and formats.
TECH.8.1.12.E.CS4	Process data and report results.
TECH.8.1.12.F.CS3	Collect and analyze data to identify solutions and/or make informed decisions.

Equity Considerations

Holocaust Mandate

Topic:

Materials Used:

Addresses the Following Component of the Mandate:

- Bias
- Bigotry
- Bullying
- Holocaust Studies
- Prejudice

LGBTQ and Disabilities Mandate

Topic (Person and Contribution Addresses):

Alan Turing - "father of theoretical computing science and artificial intelligence" and Turing Machine (data processing)

Materials Used:

Discussion on Turing's contributions to the science community as well as the discrimination he faced being a gay man.

Addresses the Following Component of the Mandate:

LGBTQIA+

- Economic
- Political
- Social

Climate Change

Asian American Pacific Islander Mandate

Topic (Person and Contribution Addresses):

Materials Used:

Addresses the Following Component of the Mandate:

- Economic
- Political
- Social

Summative Assessment:

In this final assignment, students will write a question on a topic they are interested in learning more about. Students will collect local data from different stakeholders (for example: teachers, students, parents, local business, community members, administration) or find a dataset of interest and make a model based on the data. Students will decide on their audience and create a product of their choice to communicate their findings. Their product will include data visualizations along with clear justifications. In this project, students will choose which technology tools will best support their analysis and explain their choices.

- Build a Portfolio - Unit 8 Being a Data Scientist Project

Benchmark Assessments

- Project-Based Assessment
- Skills Based Assessment

Alternative Assessment

- Journal Reflections
- Performance tasks
- Portfolios
- Presentations
- Project-based assignments

Formative Assessment:

- Data Talks/ Class Discussions
- Individual. Partner & Group Exploration Activities
- Jigsaw Assignments
- Math Journals

Resources & Materials:

This curriculum will introduce students to the main ideas in data science through free tools such as Google Sheets, Python, Data Commons and Tableau. Students will learn to be data explorers in project-based units,

through which they will develop their understanding of data analysis, sampling, correlation/causation, bias and uncertainty, probability, modeling with data, making and evaluating data-based arguments, the power of data in society, and more! At the end of the course students will have a portfolio of their data science work to showcase their newly developed abilities.

- Data Sets & Visuals
- YouCubed High School Data Science Curriculum

Instructional Strategies, Learning Activities, and Levels of Blooms/DOK:

- Analyze model outputs in the context of the question asked
- Craft and revise a research question as the first step of the data science process
- Creatively communicate findings to a selected target audience
- Gather and organize appropriate data to support and answer a question
- Select an appropriate modeling technique to answer the question

Modifications

ELL Modifications:

- Choice of test format (multiple-choice, essay, true-false)
- Continue practicing vocabulary
- Provide study guides prior to tests
- Read directions to the student
- Read test passages aloud (for comprehension assessment)
- Vary test formats

G&T Modifications:

- Alternate assignments/enrichment assignments
- Enrichment projects
- Extension activities
- Higher-level cooperative learning activities
- Pairing direct instruction with coaching to promote self-directed learning
- Provide higher-order questioning and discussion opportunities
- Provide texts at a higher reading level

- Tiered assignments
- Tiered centers

At Risk Modifications

The possible list of modifications/accommodations identified for Special Education students can be utilized for At-Risk students. Teachers should utilize ongoing methods to provide instruction, assess student needs, and utilize modifications specific to the needs of individual students. In addition, the following may be considered:

- Additional time for assignments
- Adjusted assignment timelines
- Agenda book and checklists
- Answers to be dictated
- Assistance in maintaining uncluttered space
- Books on tape
- Concrete examples
- Extra visual and verbal cues and prompts
- Follow a routine/schedule
- Graphic organizers
- Have students restate information
- No penalty for spelling errors or sloppy handwriting
- Peer or scribe note-taking
- Personalized examples
- Preferential seating
- Provision of notes or outlines
- Reduction of distractions
- Review of directions
- Review sessions
- Space for movement or breaks
- Support auditory presentations with visuals
- Teach time management skills
- Use of a study carrel
- Use of mnemonics
- Varied reinforcement procedures
- Work in progress check

IEP & 504 Modifications:

*All teachers of students with special needs must review each student's IEP. Teachers must then select the appropriate modifications and/or accommodations necessary to enable the student to appropriately progress in

the general curriculum.

Possible Modifications/Accommodations: (See listed items below):

- Allow for redos/retakes
- Assign fewer problems at one time (e.g., assign only odds or evens)
- Differentiated center-based small group instruction
- Extra time on assessments
- Highlight key directions
- If a manipulative is used during instruction, allow its use on a test
- Opportunities for cooperative partner work
- Provide reteach pages if necessary
- Provide several ways to solve a problem if possible
- Provide visual aids and anchor charts
- Test in alternative site
- Tiered lessons and assignments
- Use of a graphic organizer
- Use of concrete materials and objects (manipulatives)
- Use of word processor

Technology Materials and Standards

- Chromebooks
- CODAP
- Edublocks
- Google Colab
- Google Jamboard
- Google Sheets
- Google Slides
- Promethean Board
- Tableau

Computer Science and Design Thinking Standards

CS.6-8.DA	Data & Analysis