**7th Grade Science**

**Course Compendium**

**UNITS OF STUDY\***

Unit 1- *Life Structure and Function, 6 weeks*

Unit 2- *Matter & Energy in Organisms & Ecosystems, 5 weeks*

Unit 3- *Growth, Development, and Reproduction*

Unit 4- *Natural Selection and Adaptations*

Unit 5- *Weather and Climate*

Unit 6- *Life: From Cell to Body System*

**INTERDISCIPLINARY CONNECTIONS**

**NJSLS Companion Standards Grades 6-8 (Reading & Writing in Science)**

[**RST.6-8.1**](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RST/6-8/1/)**.** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts.

**RST.6-8.2** Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

[**RST.6-8.3**](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RST/6-8/3/)**.** Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.

[**RST.6-8.4**](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RST/6-8/4/)**.** Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to *grades 6-8 texts and topics*.

[**RST.6-8.7**](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RST/6-8/7/)**.** Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).

**NJSLSA.W4.** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

**NJSLSA.W7.** Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects, utilizing an inquiry-based research process, based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

 **NJSLSA.W8.** Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

**21st Century Life and Careers**

**CRP2**. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.

**CRP4**. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.

**CRP7**. Employ valid and reliable research strategies.

**CRP8**. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

**CRP11**. Use technology to enhance productivity.

**9.3.ST.2** Use technology to acquire, manipulate, analyze and report data.

**9.3.ST.4** Understand the nature and scope of the Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics Career Cluster and the role of STEM in society and the economy.

**Technology**

 8.1.8.A.1 Demonstrate knowledge of a real world problem using digital tools.

**8.2.12.D.6** Synthesize data, analyze trends and draw conclusions regarding the effect of a technology on the individual, society, or the environment and publish conclusions.

**8.2.8.E.1** Identify ways computers are used that have had an impact across the range of human activity and within different careers where they are used.

**MODIFICATIONS / ACCOMMODATIONS**

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| **GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR DIVERSE LEARNERS** |
| **English Language Learners** | **Students Receiving Special Education Services** | **Advanced Learners** |
| * [WIDA Can Do Descriptors for Grades 6-8](https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-j1SG5dErXzODlwUW5wSE82MlE)\*
* [WIDA Essential Actions Handbook](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MOkRH7aeYmJ3FwxKsT9bcQJXGfTWkidY/view?usp=sharing)
* [FABRIC Paradigm](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R7mxpIl_nttbJf6leydxHWloMs2ykocb/view?usp=sharing)
* [Wall Township ESL Grading Protocol](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P7F_7Iq9knrCdTXo77tEpoGfVOtH-mPW/view?usp=sharing)

\*Use WIDA Can Do Descriptors in coordination with [Student Language Portraits (SLPs)](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qs-mZZZ9bBPRNsJcSvmMYB1REHPENPy_XQQwGWo7Nhw/edit?usp=sharing).**Potential Accommodations for ELLs*** Personal glossary
* Text-to-speech
* Extended time
* Simplified / verbal instructions
* Frequent breaks
* Small group/One to one
* Additional time
* Review of directions
* Student restates information
* Extra visual and verbal cues and prompts
* Preferential seating
* Verbal and visual cues regarding directions and staying on task
* Checklists
* Immediate feedback
 | * [New Jersey Tiered System of Supports](http://www.nj.gov/education/njtss/)
* [National Center on Universal Design for Learning - About UDL](http://www.udlcenter.org/aboutudl)
* [UDL Checklist](https://drive.google.com/open?id=12ND_gk5do8Cm5udNNsWpC6sHPKlaruqh)
* [UDL Key Terms](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1GpRJu1U4CGCoBIjF2XlVjlmVnqWYU3P1)

Response to Intervention:Reteach to Build Understanding, Additional Vocabulary Support, Build Mathematical LiteracyStudents within this class receiving Special Education/Section 504 programming have specific goals and objectives, as well as accommodations and modifications outlined within their Individualized Education Plans (IEP)/504 Plans due to an identified disability and/or diagnosis. In addition to exposure to the general education curriculum, instruction is differentiated based upon the student's needs. The IEP/504 Plan acts as a supplemental curriculum guide inclusive of instructional strategies that support each specific learner.**Potential Accommodations for Special Education****Presentation accommodations**:* Listen to audio recordings instead of reading text
* Pre-teach unknown vocabulary through pictures or videos, and relate to prior knowledge
* Work with fewer items per page and/or materials in a larger print size
* Use a visual blocker
* Use visual presentations of verbal material, such as word webs and visual organizers
* Be given a written list of instructions/picture cues

**Response accommodations**:* Give responses in a form (oral or written) that’s easier for him/her
* Dictate answers to a scribe
* Capture responses on an audio recorder
* Use a spelling dictionary or electronic spell-checker
* Use a word processor to give responses in class
* Use a calculator or table of “math facts”

**Setting accommodations**:* Work or take a test in a different setting, such as a quiet room with few distractions
* Sit where he/she learns best (for example, near the teacher)
* Take a test in small group setting

**Timing accommodations**:* Take more time to complete a task or a test
* Have extra time to process oral information and directions
* Take frequent breaks, such as after completing a task

**Assignment modifications**:* Complete fewer or different homework problems than peers
* Shorten assignment
* Answer fewer or different test questions
* Create alternate projects or assignments
 | * [Knowledge and Skill Standards in Gifted Education for All Teachers](http://www.nagc.org/resources-publications/resources/national-standards-gifted-and-talented-education/knowledge-and)
* [Pre-K-Grade 12 Gifted Programming Standards](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kyzci6RjKrwn7Yo-g2su1DS0l8-rOeK4/view?usp=sharing)
* [Gifted Programming Glossary of Terms](https://drive.google.com/file/d/13bnynRPFgKtxapLCyu8f7y_hIIf9HQvU/view?usp=sharing)

**Potential Accommodations for Advanced Learners*** Use of high level academic vocabulary/texts
* Problem-based learning
* Pre-assess to condense curriculum
* Interest-based research
* Authentic problem-solving
* Homogeneous grouping opportunities
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| **Students with 504 Plans** |
| Teachers are responsible for implementing designated services and strategies identified on a student’s 504 Plan. |
| **At Risk Learners / Differentiation Strategies** |
| Alternative AssessmentsChoice BoardsGames and TournamentsGroup InvestigationsGuided ReadingLearning ContractsLeveled RubricsLiterature CirclesMultiple TextsPersonal Agendas | Independent Research & ProjectsMultiple Intelligence OptionsProject-Based LearningVaried Supplemental ActivitiesVaried Journal Prompts or RAFT WritingTiered Activities/AssignmentsTiered ProductsGraphic OrganizersChoice of Books/ActivitiesMini-Workshops to Reteach or ExtendThink-Pair-Share by readiness or interestUse of Collaboration of Various Activities | JigsawThink-Tac-ToeCubing ActivitiesExploration by InterestFlexible GroupingGoal-Setting with StudentsHomework OptionsOpen-Ended ActivitiesUse of Reading BuddiesVaried Product ChoicesStations/CentersWork Alone/Together |

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