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Recommendation

Yes

Comments: I am recommending this text because the science content of the text meets my expectations as an evaluator. There are some Math and Language Arts benchmarks that are missing from the text, but those can be included by the individual teacher. The science content is complete and well written.

Material for Review

Course: M/J Comprehensive Science 1 (2002040)

Title: HMH Florida Science, Comprehensive Science 1, Edition: First

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Author: DiSpezio, et al
Grade Level: 6 - 8

Content

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A. Alignment with curriculum1. A. The content aligns with the state's standards and benchmarks for subject, grade level and learning outcomes.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT

GOOD ALIGNMENT

FAIR ALIGNMENT

POOR ALIGNMENT

VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT

Justification:

The text and online resources cover all of the science standards for this level and a few more. There are some math and language arts standards that could be developed more.

2. A. The content is written to the correct skill level of the standards and benchmarks in the course.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The content of the text and online resources is written to a Level 3 student. It can be easily adapted to lower levels. There should be more challenging activities for the Level 5 students.

3. A. The materials are adaptable and useful for classroom instruction.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The text is written to include best practices for reading informational texts. The digital resources are more varied than previous versions.

B. Level of Treatment4. B. The materials provide sufficient details for students to understand the significance of topics and events.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The text and digital resources offer well defined concepts and examples for students to study and explore.

5. B. The level (complexity or difficulty) of the treatment of content matches the standards.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The textbook and digital resources define and explain the science concepts well. There is a great deal more opportunity to include test review questions which requires students to apply the concepts they have learned about.

6. B. The level (complexity or difficulty) of the treatment of content matches the student abilities and grade level.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The text and digital resources are written at the appropriate student level.

7. B. The level (complexity or difficulty) of the treatment of content matches the time period allowed for teaching.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The way that the text and digital resources are written allows for them to be completed in the appropriate time. The information can be used out of order to meet specific school districts pacing guides.

C. Expertise for Content Development8. C. The primary and secondary sources cited in the materials reflect expert information for the subject.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The credentials of the authors appears to fit the content of the text.

9. C. The primary and secondary sources contribute to the quality of the content in the materials.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

There could be more emphasis on the common core standards of math and language arts that are expected to be included in each unit.

D. Accuracy of Content 10. D. The content is presented accurately. (Material should be devoid of typographical or visual errors).

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

There did not appear to be mistakes in the text or the digital lessons.

11. D. The content of the material is presented objectively. (Material should be free of bias and contradictions and is noninflammatory in nature).

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The text and digital resources are written as instructional texts and follow the expectation of presenting facts for students to review.

12. D. The content of the material is representative of the discipline? (Material should include prevailing theories, concepts, standards, and models used with the subject area).

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The text did an excellent job in the sections on classification and weather/climate of being factual and including current theories and

models.

13. D. The content of the material is factual accurate. (Materials should be free of mistakes and inconsistencies).

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

There were no inaccurate details. My problem is that rivers are still taught as starting in mountains and in Florida, this is not the case.

E. Currency of Content14. E. The content is up-to-date according to current research and standards of practice.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The content includes current information. The text is written in a style that allows students to use best practices for reading and interacting with the material.

15. E. The content is presented to the curriculum, standards, and benchmarks in an appropriate and relevant context.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The text and digital resources present the benchmarks in scientific terms that are easy for students at this level to assimilate.

16. E. The content is presented in an appropriate and relevant context for the intended learners.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The style of the writing and the way that concepts are broken into chapters reflects a style that will be easy for most students to use and assimilate.

F. Authenticity of Content17. F. The content includes connections to life in a context that is meaningful to students.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The text and digital resources integrate real world examples into the explanations of concepts. This allows student the ability to connect new concepts to ideas they are familiar with.

18. F. The material includes interdisciplinary connections which are intended to make the content meaningful to students.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

There should be more math required in lab activities. There should be more reading passages for students to read and evaluate. There are many maps and references to Geography.

G. Multicultural Representation19. G. The portrayal of gender, ethnicity, age, work situations, cultural, religious, physical, and various social groups are fair and unbiased. (Please explain any unfair or biased portrayals in the comments section).

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

There are many scientists represented in the text from a variety of cultural backgrounds. Children of various ethnic backgrounds are presented in pictures of students completing science activities. There could be more students represented from broader groups.

H. Humanity and Compassion20. H. The materials portray people and animals with compassion, sympathy, and consideration of their needs and values and exclude hard-core pornography and inhumane treatment. (An exception may be necessary for units covering animal welfare).

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

There were no instances where humans or animals are portrayed without compassion.

21. In general, is the content of the benchmarks and standards for this course covered in the material.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The science benchmarks are completely covered. There should be more inclusion of the common core benchmarks from Math and Language Arts.

Presentation

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A. Comprehensiveness of Student and Teacher Resources1. A. The comprehensiveness of the student resources address the targeted learning outcomes without requiring the teacher to prepare additional teaching materials for the course.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

There are several sections that require the teacher to develop outside materials so that all parts of each standard are addressed.

B. Alignment of Instructional Components2. B. All components of the major tool align with the curriculum and each other.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

This tool aligns with all of the standards required of the 6th grade student.

C. Organization of Instructional Materials 3. C. The materials are consistent and logical organization of the content for the subject area.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Units are able to be used out of sequence. This is important because some districts require units in a specific timeline - not the textbooks format.

D. Readability of Instructional Materials4. D. Narrative and visuals engage students in reading or listening as well as in understanding of the content at a level appropriate to the students' abilities.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

This textbook appears to be engaging and easy to read/identify concepts. Visuals help student understand the concept better.

E. Pacing of Content5. E. The amount of content presented at one time or the pace at which it is presented must be of a size or rate that allows students to perceive and understand it.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Unit lessons are small enough to be covered in a few days. Chunked appropriately.

Accessibility6. The material contains presentation, navigation, study tool and assistive supports that aid students, including those with disabilities, to access and interact with the material. (For assistance refer to the answers on the UDL questionnaire).

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The text also has digital lessons to assist with students who need more assistance.

7. In general, how well does the submission satisfy PRESENTATION requirements? (The comments should support your responses to the questions in the Presentation section).

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT. Justification:

This textbook is easy to read, broken into sections appropriately, and comes with tools that help the teacher present the material in a variety of ways.

Learning

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A. Motivational Strategies 1. A. Instructional materials include features to maintain learner motivation.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Textbook starts each unit asking questions to attempt to engage the students. Most units appear to use the 5 E method in order to build upon the students concepts of the standard.

B. Teaching a Few "Big Ideas" 2. B. Instructional materials thoroughly teach a few important ideas, concepts, or themes.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

There are some parts of the text that are not part of the 6th grade standards. They can be omitted.

C. Explicit Instruction3. C. The materials contain clear statements of information and outcomes.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Each lesson presents the major concepts and the evidence that supports it.

D. Guidance and Support4. D. The materials provide guidance and support to help students safely and successfully become more independent learners and thinkers.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The textbook is developing the Claims, evidence and reasoning process in students.

5. D. Guidance and support must be adaptable to developmental differences and various learning styles.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT **POOR ALIGNMENT** VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

There are digital materials and teaching strategies in the planning parts of each unit. Individual teachers must adapt the lessons to their students needs.

E. Active Participation of Students6. E. The materials engage the physical and mental activity of students during the learning process.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The digital lessons are much improved from earlier versions. They are much more engaging for students and require more participation.

7. E. Rate how well the materials include organized activities that are logical extensions of content, goals, and objectives.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Most of the digital labs and many of the quicklabs help students explore and explain the concepts in the units.

F. Targeted Instructional Strategies8. F. Instructional materials include the strategies known to be successful for teaching the learning outcomes targeted in the curriculum requirements.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

This textbook has done a lot of work to embed activities that have successful strategies.

9. F. The instructional strategies incorporated in the materials are effective in teaching the targeted outcomes.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Using only the textbook and the resources in it would cover the science benchmarks adequately.

G. Targeted Assessment Strategies 10. G. The materials correlate assessment strategies to the desired learning outcomes.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Assessment questions are well written and address the standards.

11. G. the assessment strategies incorporated in the materials are effective in assessing the learners' performance with regard to the targeted outcomes.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The lesson assessments help teachers understand how well the students understand each unit. There are many types of assessments for teachers to use or adapt.

Universal Design for Learning12. This submission incorporates strategies, materials, activities, etc., that consider the needs of all students.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

This text has provided many ways to develop lessons for students with many needs. Teachers will always have to adapt lessons based on individual students.

Mathematical Practice 13. Do you observe the appropriate application of Mathematical Practices (MP) as applicable?

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

There should be more math in the quicklab activities.

14. In general, does the submission satisfy LEARNING requirements? (The comments should support your responses to the questions in the Learning section.)

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

This textbook provides the teacher with a book that identifies the concepts clearly and provides evidence for each concept. There are also a variety of digital activities to use. There are many types of assessments that teachers can use and adapt to their pacing.

Standards

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For example, if the standard is marked as a level 3 (strategic reasoning and complex thinking) then the materials coverage should reflect this. If the materials coverage is only sufficient to allow for recall (level 1) then this should be reflected in the points assigned.

1. SC.6.E.6.1: Describe and give examples of ways in which Earth's surface is built up and torn down by physical and chemical weathering, erosion, and deposition.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Text explains the topic clearly and provides concrete examples for students to study. The digital lesson provides further opportunities to explore and explain the concept.

2. **SC.6.E.6.2:** Recognize that there are a variety of different landforms on Earth's surface such as coastlines, dunes, rivers, mountains, glaciers, deltas, and lakes and relate these landforms as they apply to Florida.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

All forms of erosion are explained in the text. The main problem is the text still shows that rivers form in the mountains and never recognizes the spring fed rivers of Florida. This is a very big omission. The digital lesson and virtual lab are much better in this new version and provide interactive opportunities.

3. **SC.6.E.7.1:** Differentiate among radiation, conduction, and convection, the three mechanisms by which heat is transferred through Earth's system.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Text clearly identifies the 3 types of heat transfer. Digital lesson helps students explore and explain the concepts. The quicklabs in this section are very weak at stimulating the students to explain the concept.

4. **SC.6.E.7.2:** Investigate and apply how the cycling of water between the atmosphere and hydrosphere has an effect on weather patterns and climate.

Remarks/Examples:

Florida Standards Connections: MAFS.K12.MP.7: Look for and make use of structure.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Text identifies the concept and digital lessons and virtual labs allow students to explore and explain the concept. Would benefit with a virtual lab that allows students to measure or read data to meet the MAFS standard.

5. **SC.6.E.7.3:** Describe how global patterns such as the jet stream and ocean currents influence local weather in measurable terms such as temperature, air pressure, wind direction and speed, and humidity and precipitation.

Remarks/Examples:

Florida Standards Connections: MAFS.K12.MP.5: Use appropriate tools strategically MAFS.K12.MP.6: Attend to precision and, MAFS.K12.MP.7: Look for and make use of structure.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Text identifies all parts of the standard. Digital lessons allow students to explore the concepts in the standard and see them in motion. The STEM activity supports the MAFS standard.

6. SC.6.E.7.4: Differentiate and show interactions among the geosphere, hydrosphere, cryosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Text identifies the spheres and the interactions between them. The digital resources allow students to explore and explain how these interactions move matter and energy around.

7. **SC.6.E.7.5:** Explain how energy provided by the sun influences global patterns of atmospheric movement and the temperature differences between air, water, and land.

Remarks/Examples:

Florida Standards Connections: MAFS.K12.MP.7: Look for and make use of structure.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT
Justification:

Text identifies the concept and the digital lesson does a much better job of explaining how and why temperature changes exist. The digital lesson is a better resource for this standard. There is an opportunity to use measurements to develop an understanding of the atmosphere for MAFS.

8. SC.6.E.7.6: Differentiate between weather and climate.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Text identifies concept and provides good examples. The digital lessons provides opportunities to explore and explain the concept.

9. SC.6.E.7.7: Investigate how natural disasters have affected human life in Florida.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT
Justification:

Text identifies the disasters that affect Florida. The digital lesson provides students a way to see how disasters affect a variety of areas in Florida.

10. SC.6.E.7.8: Describe ways human beings protect themselves from hazardous weather and sun exposure.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Text clearly identifies concept and offers examples of ways students can protect themselves. Excellent virtual lab about the hazards and ways to protect yourself from them.

11. SC.6.E.7.9: Describe how the composition and structure of the atmosphere protects life and insulates the planet.

Remarks/Examples:

Florida Standards Connections: MAFS.K12.MP.7: Look for and make use of structure.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT ustification:

Text identifies the concept. Digital lab enables the students to explore in more detail. The quicklab is not focused on the standard. The Digital lab does make use of structure.

12. **SC.6.L.14.1:** Describe and identify patterns in the hierarchical organization of organisms from atoms to molecules and cells to tissues to organs to organ systems to organisms.

Remarks/Examples:

Florida Standards Connections: MAFS.K12.MP.7: Look for and make use of structure.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Textbook could be clearer about the actual hierarchy. It uses 2 different lessons that are separated by another lesson to address the standard. It is difficult to put the 2 sections together to create a cohesive lesson that addresses the hierarchy. There are several good activities to meet the MAFS standard.

13. **SC.6.L.14.2:** Investigate and explain the components of the scientific theory of cells (cell theory): all organisms are composed of cells (single-celled or multi-cellular), all cells come from pre-existing cells, and cells are the basic unit of life.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Textbook could focus more on the components of the cell theory and the history behind it. The digital lesson is a good resource to further explore the concepts.

14. **SC.6.L.14.3:** Recognize and explore how cells of all organisms undergo similar processes to maintain homeostasis, including extracting energy from food, getting rid of waste, and reproducing.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Textbook identifies the processes clearly. The digital lesson allows for good practice for students to see how these processes are actually carried out.

15. **SC.6.L.14.4:** Compare and contrast the structure and function of major organelles of plant and animal cells, including cell wall, cell membrane, nucleus, cytoplasm, chloroplasts, mitochondria, and vacuoles.

Remarks/Examples:

Florida Standards Connections: MAFS.K12.MP.7: Look for and make use of structure.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT

Justification:

Good virtual lab of the parts of the cell and their functions. Textbook clearly identifies the concept and the digital lesson allows for a strong review.

16. **SC.6.L.14.5:** Identify and investigate the general functions of the major systems of the human body (digestive, respiratory, circulatory, reproductive, excretory, immune, nervous, and musculoskeletal) and describe ways these systems interact with each other to maintain homeostasis.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Text spends too much time reviewing the systems and their functions and not on how they maintain homeostasis. Quicklabs also focus on the systems and not homeostasis. This standard would be difficult to teach with this text.

17. **SC.6.L.14.6:** Compare and contrast types of infectious agents that may infect the human body, including viruses, bacteria, fungi, and parasites.

Remarks/Examples:

Integrate HE.6.C.1.8. Explain how body systems are impacted by hereditary factors and infectious agents.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Text identifies the parts of the concept and ways they are spread. Quicklabs and virtual labs are not very helpful at reinforcement.

18. **SC.6.L.15.1:** Analyze and describe how and why organisms are classified according to shared characteristics with emphasis on the Linnaean system combined with the concept of Domains.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Textbook clearly identifies the standard and the tools scientists use to classify. Many good examples of tools are present for students to study and practice with.

19. **SC.6.N.1.1:** Define a problem from the sixth grade curriculum, use appropriate reference materials to support scientific understanding, plan and carry out scientific investigation of various types, such as systematic observations or experiments, identify variables, collect and organize data, interpret data in charts, tables, and graphics, analyze information, make predictions, and defend conclusions.

Remarks/Examples:

Florida Standards Connections: LAFS.68.RST.1.3. Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Activities allow students the opportunity to practice the skills scientists use. The BIG picture of how all the activities fit together in a long term project is not in this text.

20. SC.6.N.1.2: Explain why scientific investigations should be replicable.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Stand alone lesson and virtual lab for this standard. It should be integrated into other lessons.

21. SC.6.N.1.3: Explain the difference between an experiment and other types of scientific investigation, and explain the relative benefits and limitations of each.

Remarks/Examples:

Explain that an investigation is observing or studying the natural world, without interference or manipulation, and an experiment is an investigation that involves variables (independent/manipulated and dependent/ outcome) and establishes cause-and-effect relationships (Schwartz, 2007).

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT **POOR ALIGNMENT** VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Standard is integrated into the weathering unit. The virtual lab that is supposed to meet this standard was not available for preview.

22. **SC.6.N.1.4:** Discuss, compare, and negotiate methods used, results obtained, and explanations among groups of students conducting the same investigation.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Some digital labs and quicklabs allow opportunities for students to compare data.

23. SC.6.N.1.5: Recognize that science involves creativity, not just in designing experiments, but also in creating explanations that fit

evidence.

Remarks/Examples:

Florida Standards Connections: LAFS.68.RST.3.7 LAFS.68.WHST.1.2 and, LAFS.68.WHST.3.9.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT
Justification:

This standard is not clearly demonstrated in the content of the text. Quicklabs that are referred to that meet this standard do not give students opportunities to explore and explain the variety of ways that science is "done".

24. SC.6.N.2.1: Distinguish science from other activities involving thought.

Remarks/Examples:

Thought refers to any mental or intellectual activity involving an individual's subjective consciousness. Science is a systematic process that pursues, builds and organizes knowledge in the form of testable explanations and predictions about the natural world.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

This standard is not clearly identified in any part of the textbook. It would fit best in classification, but the activities in this unit do not really address this standard.

25. SC.6.N.2.2: Explain that scientific knowledge is durable because it is open to change as new evidence or interpretations are encountered.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

This standard is covered in the lesson on the cell theory and classification and the text presents good evidence of how and why scientific ideas change.

26. **SC.6.N.2.3**: Recognize that scientists who make contributions to scientific knowledge come from all kinds of backgrounds and possess varied talents, interests, and goals.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Textbook contains profiles of a variety of scientists in many fields.

27. **SC.6.N.3.1:** Recognize and explain that a scientific theory is a well-supported and widely accepted explanation of nature and is not simply a claim posed by an individual. Thus, the use of the term theory in science is very different than how it is used in everyday life.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Activities in the textbook allow students to practice skills but do not add up to the whole picture of how and why scientific theories are reliable.

28. **SC.6.N.3.2**: Recognize and explain that a scientific law is a description of a specific relationship under given conditions in the natural world. Thus, scientific laws are different from societal laws.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Stand alone lesson - this standard should be embedded into lessons on physics.

29. SC.6.N.3.3: Give several examples of scientific laws.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

There is a quicklab to address the concept. There are also several opportunities to review and practice the concept in other units that contain laws.

30. SC.6.N.3.4: Identify the role of models in the context of the sixth grade science benchmarks.

Remarks/Examples:

Florida Standards Connections: MAFS.K12.MP.4: Model with mathematics.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

There are several good quicklabs that allow students to make models and record results. The classification tools and the modeling glaciers and landslides stand out as good examples. The math standard is missing due to few measurements being required, just observations.

31. **SC.6.P.11.1:** Explore the Law of Conservation of Energy by differentiating between potential and kinetic energy. Identify situations where kinetic energy is transformed into potential energy and vice versa.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The law and PE and KE are clearly identified in the text. There are not many opportunities for students to practice the concept of transformation between PE and KE. Digital lab was not available for preview.

32. SC.6.P.12.1: Measure and graph distance versus time for an object moving at a constant speed. Interpret this relationship.

Remarks/Examples:

Florida Standards Connections: MAFS.K12.MP.5: Use appropriate tools strategically and, MAFS.K12.MP.6: Attend to precision.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Textbook provides students with several opportunities to calculate speed and identify it on graphs.

33. **SC.6.P.13.1:** Investigate and describe types of forces including contact forces and forces acting at a distance, such as electrical, magnetic, and gravitational.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Text needs to spend more time on the qualities of distant forces and how they act. The bulk of the text is on gravity.

34. **SC.6.P.13.2:** Explore the Law of Gravity by recognizing that every object exerts gravitational force on every other object and that the force depends on how much mass the objects have and how far apart they are.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Textbook identifies the concept and provides ways for students to explore and explain other situations.

35. SC.6.P.13.3: Investigate and describe that an unbalanced force acting on an object changes its speed, or direction of motion, or both.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Textbook identifies how forces affect objects. Students need more opportunities to graph changes in forces using force diagrams. The text doesn't utilize them.

- 36. **LAFS.6.SL.1.1**: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **a.** Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
- b. Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
- c. Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
- d. Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The text offers suggestions for teachers in the Unit Planning sections. It is up to the individual teacher to make sure that this standard is incorporated into a lesson.

37. **LAFS.6.SL.1.2:** Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The text, quicklabs, and digital lessons offer students a variety of ways to interact with information.

38. LAFS.6.SL.1.3: Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT **POOR ALIGNMENT** VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

This textbook does not offer readings or videos that ask students to fulfill this standard. The individual teacher must develop this standard on their own.

39. **LAFS.6.SL.2.4:** Present claims and findings, sequencing ideas logically and using pertinent descriptions, facts, and details to accentuate main ideas or themes; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

This standard could be easily incorporated into one of the quicklabs by asking students to present their findings. It is not incorporated into any specific lessons/labs.

40. LAFS.6.SL.2.5: Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, images, music, sound) and visual displays in presentations to clarify information.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

There are several projects that teachers could choose to do with their students. The individual teacher would need to make this standard as part of the assessment rubric.

41. LAFS.68.RST.1.1: Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

This standard is met in several of the units that contain Claims, Evidence and Reason sections.

42. LAFS.68.RST.1.2: Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

This textbook is designed to be interacted with. Students can easily underline, circle, highlight and identify main ideas, concepts and examples. Summary sections help students determine what is important.

43. LAFS.68.RST.1.3: Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Unit 1 on the Nature of Science describes how and why scientists carry out multistep procedures. There are not projects throughout the text that require students to carry out all the steps and come to a conclusion. Most experiments are very short.

44. LAFS.68.RST.2.4: 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.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

This text has done a good job identifying the important concepts for the 6th grade year.

45. **LAFS.68.RST.2.5:** Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to an understanding of the topic.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT **VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT**Justification:

No scientific writings come with this text that allow students to read about a concept and practice this standard. The individual teacher must develop this standard on their own.

46. LAFS.68.RST.2.6: Analyze the author's purpose in providing an explanation, describing a procedure, or discussing an experiment in a text.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT **VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT**Justification:

No scientific writings come with this text that allow students to read about a concept and practice this standard. The individual teacher must develop this standard on their own.

47. **LAFS.68.RST.3.7:** 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).

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Students have opportunities in several units to translate information from one form to another.

48. LAFS.68.RST.3.8: Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The claims, evidence and reason sections ask students to carry out this standard.

49. LAFS.68.RST.3.9: Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video, or multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

There are no lessons in the text that have students compare and contrast information from other sources to the text. The individual teacher would need to develop an expectation of meeting this standard.

- 50. LAFS.68.WHST.1.1: Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
- a. Introduce claim(s) about a topic or issue, acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
- b. Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant, accurate data and evidence that demonstrate an understanding of the topic or text, using credible sources.
- c. Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
- d. Establish and maintain a formal style.
- e. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The Claims, Evidence and Reason sections in the textbook utilize the steps in this standard. The textbook is not as complete as the standard describes, so the individual teacher would need to make sure all parts are being met.

- 51. LAFS.68.WHST.1.2: Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
- a. Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
- b. Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
- c. Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
- d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
- e. Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone.
- f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT **VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT**Justification:

Standard is not addressed.

52. **LAFS.68.WHST.2.4:** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT **VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT**Justification:

Standard is not addressed.

53. **LAFS.68.WHST.2.5**: With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT **VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT**Justification:

Standard is not addressed.

54. LAFS.68.WHST.2.6: Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas clearly and efficiently.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT **VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT**Justification:

Standard is not addressed.

55. **LAFS.68.WHST.3.7:** Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The text provides opportunities in each unit for students to develop and research projects based on questions they may have.

56. **LAFS.68.WHST.3.8:** Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT **VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT**Justification:

Standard is not addressed. There are no sources for research that this textbook author provides for research.

57. LAFS.68.WHST.3.9: Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis reflection, and research.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT

This textbook is set up as an informational text. Students can easily use it to reflect on their learning.

58. LAFS.68.WHST.4.10: Write routinely over extended time frames (time for reflection and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT **POOR ALIGNMENT** VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The textbook suggests using Science notebooks, but does not offer ways to incorporate them in each lesson. Individual teachers must develop this on their own.

59. **MAFS.6.EE.3.9:** Use variables to represent two quantities in a real-world problem that change in relationship to one another; write an equation to express one quantity, thought of as the dependent variable, in terms of the other quantity, thought of as the independent variable. Analyze the relationship between the dependent and independent variables using graphs and tables, and relate these to the equation. For example, in a problem involving motion at constant speed, list and graph ordered pairs of distances and times, and write the equation d = 65t to represent the relationship between distance and time.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The unit on motion and forces includes calculating speed and describing how and why speed changes.

60. MAFS.6.SP.2.4: Display numerical data in plots on a number line, including dot plots, histograms, and box plots.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Several labs require students to collect, plot and analyze simple data.

- 61. MAFS.6.SP.2.5: Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context, such as by:
- a. Reporting the number of observations.
- b. Describing the nature of the attribute under investigation, including how it was measured and its units of measurement.
- **c.** Giving quantitative measures of center (median and/or mean) and variability (interquartile range and/or mean absolute deviation), as well as describing any overall pattern and any striking deviations from the overall pattern with reference to the context in which the data were gathered.
- d. Relating the choice of measures of center and variability to the shape of the data distribution and the context in which the data were gathered.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT **POOR ALIGNMENT** VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

There are no labs or projects that require this many steps. Individual teachers must develop projects that go along with the benchmarks to meet this standard.

62. **HE.6.C.1.3**: Identify environmental factors that affect personal health.

Remarks/Examples:

Air and water quality, availability of sidewalks, contaminated food, and road hazards.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The textbook identifies the factors in the environment that contribute to poor health during natural disasters.

63. HE.6.C.1.5: Explain how body systems are impacted by hereditary factors and infectious agents.

Remarks/Examples:

Cystic fibrosis affects respiratory and a digestive system, sickle-cell anemia affects the circulatory system, and influenza affects the respiratory system.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The textbook offers many concrete examples of diseases caused by a variety of factors.

64. ELD.K12.ELL.SC.1: English language learners communicate information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of Science.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

The textbook and digital lessons offer opportunities for students to interact with the concepts in a variety of ways.

65. ELD.K12.ELL.SI.1: English language learners communicate for social and instructional purposes within the school setting.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT **POOR ALIGNMENT** VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Standard is not addressed.

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