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INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS ADMINISTRATOR

Recommendation

No

Comments: Although the Discovery Education Techbook is a fairly robust teaching resource, I cannot recommend it at this time. A science curriculum that is mainly online, has several drawbacks. First, not all students learn sucessfully from online sources. It takes a great deal of independence and self-motivation to complete lessons and assignments without the teacher's direct feedback. Perhaps the teacher will comment later that afternoon or during a break, but there is nothing like immediate, specific feedback. Secondly, it is my opinion that the digital lessons and hands-on activities require too much preparation from the teachers. In order for the resource to work correctly, teachers need to implement all parts of the Discovery education techbook. I fear that the Techbook places too many demands on teachers and therefore they will not implement their lessons with fidelity. This will disservice students by not maximizing their learning potential.

Material for Review

Course: Science - Grade Four (5020050)

Title: Discovery Education Science Techbook (Florida) - Grade 4, Edition: 1

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Grade Level: K - 5

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 Itselfication:

All Florida Standards are aligned to the material. Learning outcomes match the skill level required in each standard.

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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 materials use a cognitive complexity rating of high, medium or low. The Florida Standards have a Depth of knowledge scale 1-4. These ratings align, but the materials should use the depth of knowledge found in the standards.
3. A. The materials are adaptable and useful for classroom instruction.
O VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT O GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT O POOR ALIGNMENT O VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
The materials rely too much on digital content. It will require a masterful teacher and a district implementation plan for how this will be used effectively in the classroom.
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:
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 materials use a cognitive complexity rating of high, medium or low. The Florida Standards have a Depth of knowledge scale 1-4. These ratings align, but the materials should use the depth of knowledge found in the standards.
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 materials are written at grade level as far as I can tell.
7. B. The level (complexity or difficulty) of the treatment of content matches the time period allowed for teaching.
O VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT O GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT O POOR ALIGNMENT O VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT
Justification: The time required to implement these lessons to their full extent might be too much for classroom teachers.
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:
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:
The materials sometimes link to a video that is outdated, for example in Grade 4 during the first lesson a video entitled "Welcome to the world of rocks and minerals" is linked. This video is very old and the audio quality is terrible. Our modern students will think this video is unappealing.
D. Accuracy of Content10. 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: The content was accurate; however, there were several typographical and grammatical errors. There were errors with word spacing and font cohesiveness.
11. D. The content of the material is presented objectively. (Material should be free of bias and contradictions and is noninflammatory in nature).
O VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT O GOOD ALIGNMENT O FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT
Justification: The material is severely lacking representation from African American groups, Hispanic and other minority groups. There is a dominant narrative of White Americans and Asians in the material. Much of the material is also outdated. This cannot be allowed in schools.
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:
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:

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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:
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:
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: I think some ELL's and ESE students would have a hard time with the content. Since the primary method of instruction is digital, these
students may not have the skills needed to navigate the content successfully.
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:
Yes, the STEM connections are wonderful. I think students will really enjoy the real world applications to their learning. The STEM careers are also a great addition to the text.
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:
G. Multicultural Representation 19. 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
H. Humanity and Compassion 20. 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:
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:

Presentation

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A. Comprehensiveness of Student and Teacher Resources 1. 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:
B. Alignment of Instructional Components 2. 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:
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:
D. Readability of Instructional Materials 4. 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:
E. Pacing of Content 5. 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:
Accessibility 6. 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).
O VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
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:
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:
Digital learning requires a certain independence that some students may still be developing. It will be tough to motivate all learners with the digital techbook.
B. Teaching a Few "Big Ideas"2. B. Instructional materials thoroughly teach a few important ideas, concepts, or themes.
ullet VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT $ullet$ GOOD ALIGNMENT $ullet$ FAIR ALIGNMENT $ullet$ POOR ALIGNMENT $ullet$ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
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:
D. Guidance and Support 4. D. The materials provide guidance and support to help students safely and successfully become more independent learners and thinkers.
\bigcirc very good alignment $\ \odot$ Good alignment $\ \bigcirc$ fair alignment $\ \bigcirc$ poor alignment $\ \bigcirc$ very poor/no alignment Justification:
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:
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 students will only be engaged in this manner if the teacher implements the program with fidelity.
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:
F. Targeted Instructional Strategies 8. 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:
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:
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:
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:
Universal Design for Learning 12. 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:
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:
14. In general, does the submission satisfy LEARNING requirements? (The comments should support your responses to the questions in the Learning section.)

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○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
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.4.E.5.1: Observe that the patterns of stars in the sky stay the same although they appear to shift across the sky nightly, and different stars can be seen in different seasons.
Remarks/Examples: Florida Standards Connections: MAFS.K12.MP.2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
SC.4.E.5.2: Describe the changes in the observable shape of the moon over the course of about a month.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
3. SC.4.E.5.3: Recognize that Earth revolves around the Sun in a year and rotates on its axis in a 24-hour day.
Remarks/Examples: Florida Standards Connections: MAFS.K12.MP.2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
4. SC.4.E.5.4: Relate that the rotation of Earth (day and night) and apparent movements of the Sun, Moon, and stars are connected.
Remarks/Examples: Annually assessed on Grade 5 Science FCAT 2.0. Also assesses SC.4.E.5.1, SC.4.E.5.2, and SC.4.E.5.3. Florida Standards Connections: MAFS.K12.MP.2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT
5. SC.4.E.5.5: Investigate and report the effects of space research and exploration on the economy and culture of Florida.
O VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT

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Justification:
6. SC.4.E.6.1 : Identify the three categories of rocks: igneous, (formed from molten rock); sedimentary (pieces of other rocks and fossilized organisms); and metamorphic (formed from heat and pressure).
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
7. SC.4.E.6.2: Identify the physical properties of common earth-forming minerals, including hardness, color, luster, cleavage, and streak color, and recognize the role of minerals in the formation of rocks.
Remarks/Examples: Annually assessed on Grade 5 Science FCAT 2.0. Also assesses SC.4.E.6.1.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
8. SC.4.E.6.3: Recognize that humans need resources found on Earth and that these are either renewable or nonrenewable.
Remarks/Examples: Annually assessed on Grade 5 Science FCAT 2.0. Also assesses SC.4.E.6.1.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
9. SC.4.E.6.4: Describe the basic differences between physical weathering (breaking down of rock by wind, water, ice, temperature change, and plants) and erosion (movement of rock by gravity, wind, water, and ice).
Remarks/Examples: Annually assessed on Grade 5 Science FCAT 2.0.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT
10. SC.4.E.6.5: Investigate how technology and tools help to extend the ability of humans to observe very small things and very large things.
Remarks/Examples: MAFS.K12.MP.5: Use appropriate tools strategically.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
11. SC.4.E.6.6: Identify resources available in Florida (water, phosphate, oil, limestone, silicon, wind, and solar energy).
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ® GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
12. SC.4.L.16.1: Identify processes of sexual reproduction in flowering plants, including pollination, fertilization (seed production), seed dispersal, and germination.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
13. SC.4.L.16.2: Explain that although characteristics of plants and animals are inherited, some characteristics can be affected by the environment.
Remarks/Examples: Integrate HE.4.C.1.6. Identify the human body parts and organs that work together to form healthy body systems.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
14. SC.4.L.16.3: Recognize that animal behaviors may be shaped by heredity and learning.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
15. SC.4.L.16.4 : Compare and contrast the major stages in the life cycles of Florida plants and animals, such as those that undergo incomplete and complete metamorphosis, and flowering and nonflowering seed-bearing plants.

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Remarks/Examples: Annually assessed on Grade 5 Science FCAT 2.0.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
16. SC.4.L.17.1: Compare the seasonal changes in Florida plants and animals to those in other regions of the country.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
17. SC.4.L.17.2 : Explain that animals, including humans, cannot make their own food and that when animals eat plants or other animals, the energy stored in the food source is passed to them.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
18. SC.4.L.17.3: Trace the flow of energy from the Sun as it is transferred along the food chain through the producers to the consumers.
Remarks/Examples: Annually assessed on Grade 5 Science FCAT 2.0. Also assesses SC.3.L.17.2 and SC.4.L.17.2.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
19. SC.4.L.17.4: Recognize ways plants and animals, including humans, can impact the environment.
Remarks/Examples: Introduce the impacts of invasive species, such as Brazilian pepper, Cuban anole, Kudzu, Australian pine, non-native pets released into wild (Burmese python). Ocean pollution resulting from discharge of sewage, toxic chemicals, manufacturing wastes, fertilizers, soaps, detergents, runoff and insecticides population growth causes consumption of limited resources and land use expansion to accommodate for more people animal extinction (endangered and threatened species). VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT
Justification:
20. SC.4.N.1.1 : Raise questions about the natural world, use appropriate reference materials that support understanding to obtain information (identifying the source), conduct both individual and team investigations through free exploration and systematic investigations, and generate appropriate explanations based on those explorations.
Remarks/Examples:
Florida Standards Connections: LAFS.4.RI.1.3. Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text. Florida Standards Connections: MAFS.K12.MP.1: Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them and, MAFS.K12.MP.3: Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
21. SC.4.N.1.2 : Compare the observations made by different groups using multiple tools and seek reasons to explain the differences across groups.
Remarks/Examples:
Florida Standards Connections: LAFS.4.SL.1.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. Florida Standards Connections: MAFS.K12.MP.4: Model with mathematics and, MAFS.K12.MP.5: Use appropriate tools strategically.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
22. SC.4.N.1.3: Explain that science does not always follow a rigidly defined method ("the scientific method") but that science does involve the use of observations and empirical evidence.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
23. SC.4.N.1.4: Attempt reasonable answers to scientific questions and cite evidence in support.
Remarks/Examples:

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Florida Standards Connections: LAFS.4.W.3.8. Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources. LAFS.4.W.3.9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
Florida Standards Connections: MAFS.K12.MP.1: Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them; and, MAFS.K12.MP.2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
24. SC.4.N.1.5 : Compare the methods and results of investigations done by other classmates.
Remarks/Examples: Florida Standards Connections: MAFS.K12.MP.6: Attend to precision.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
25. SC.4.N.1.6: Keep records that describe observations made, carefully distinguishing actual observations from ideas and inferences about the observations.
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:
26. SC.4.N.1.7: Recognize and explain that scientists base their explanations on evidence.
Remarks/Examples: Florida Standards Connections: MAFS.K12.MP.1: Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
27. SC.4.N.1.8: Recognize that science involves creativity in designing experiments.
Remarks/Examples: Florida Standards Connections: MAFS.K12.MP.5: Use appropriate tools strategically.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
28. SC.4.N.2.1: Explain that science focuses solely on the natural world.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
29. SC.4.N.3.1: Explain that models can be three dimensional, two dimensional, an explanation in your mind, or a computer model.
Remarks/Examples: Florida Standards Connections: MAFS.K12.MP.2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively and, MAFS.K12.MP.4: Model with mathematics.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
30. SC.4.P.8.1: Measure and compare objects and materials based on their physical properties including: mass, shape, volume, color, hardness, texture, odor, taste, attraction to magnets.
Remarks/Examples: Investigate the concept of weight versus mass of objects. 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:
31. SC.4.P.8.2: Identify properties and common uses of water in each of its states.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

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32. SC.4.P.8.3 : Explore the Law of Conservation of Mass by demonstrating that the mass of a whole object is always the same as the sum of the masses of its parts.
Remarks/Examples: Investigate the concept of weight versus mass of objects. 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:
33. SC.4.P.8.4: Investigate and describe that magnets can attract magnetic materials and attract and repel other magnets.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT • GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
34. SC.4.P.9.1: Identify some familiar changes in materials that result in other materials with different characteristics, such as decaying animal or plant matter, burning, rusting, and cooking.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
35. SC.4.P.10.1: Observe and describe some basic forms of energy, including light, heat, sound, electrical, and the energy of motion.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
36. SC.4.P.10.2: Investigate and describe that energy has the ability to cause motion or create change.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
37. SC.4.P.10.3: Investigate and explain that sound is produced by vibrating objects and that pitch depends on how fast or slow the object vibrates.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
38. SC.4.P.10.4: Describe how moving water and air are sources of energy and can be used to move things.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
39. SC.4.P.11.1: Recognize that heat flows from a hot object to a cold object and that heat flow may cause materials to change temperature.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
40. SC.4.P.11.2: Identify common materials that conduct heat well or poorly.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
41. SC.4.P.12.1: Recognize that an object in motion always changes its position and may change its direction.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
42. SC.4.P.12.2 : Investigate and describe that the speed of an object is determined by the distance it travels in a unit of time and that objects can move at different speeds.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
43. LAFS.4.RI.1.3: Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
44. LAFS.4.RI.2.4 : Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words or phrases in a text relevant to a grade 4 topic or subject area.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

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45. LAFS.4.RI.4.10: By the end of year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the grades 4–5 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
46. LAFS.4.SL.1.1: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, 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 and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.
 b. Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles. c. Pose and respond to specific questions to clarify or follow up on information, and make comments that contribute to the discussion and link
to the remarks of others. d. Review the key ideas expressed and explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT
Justification:
47. LAFS.4.W.3.8 : Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources.
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48. LAFS.4.W.3.9: Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. a. Apply grade 4 Reading standards to literature (e.g., "Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text [e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions].").
b. Apply grade 4 Reading standards to informational texts (e.g., "Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text").
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
49. MAFS.4.MD.1.1: Know relative sizes of measurement units within one system of units including km, m, cm; kg, g; lb, oz.; l, ml; hr, min, sec. Within a single system of measurement, express measurements in a larger unit in terms of a smaller unit. Record measurement equivalents in a two-column table. For example, know that 1 ft is 12 times as long as 1 in. Express the length of a 4 ft snake as 48 in. Generate a conversion table for feet and inches listing the number pairs (1, 12), (2, 24), (3, 36),
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
50. MAFS.4.MD.2.4: Make a line plot to display a data set of measurements in fractions of a unit (1/2, 1/4, 1/8). Solve problems involving addition and subtraction of fractions by using information presented in line plots. For example, from a line plot find and interpret the difference in length between the longest and shortest specimens in an insect collection.
○ VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT ● GOOD ALIGNMENT ○ FAIR ALIGNMENT ○ POOR ALIGNMENT ○ VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
51. 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:
52. 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:
53. HE.4.C.1.5 : Identify the human body parts and organs that work together to form healthy body systems.
Remarks/Examples:
Muscular and skeletal systems, circulatory and respiratory systems, and endocrine and reproductive systems. VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: