

Bid 3366

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS ADMINISTRATOR

Recommendation

No

Comments: Much of the content can be student directed, however, significant gaps in information would make supplementing necessary to ensure thorough mastery of the standards. Being 100% technology based is a concern as all students/schools do not have equal access to computers. Many of the resources are bland - either very old (videos), or not challenging for students (drag and drops). The newer resources reviewed, although engaging, seemed to miss the mark when aligning with the standards. The written elements had poor design, lacking supporting and appropriate graphics. Overall, this resource would be moderately effective as a teaching/learning tool.

Material for Review

Course: M/J Comprehensive Science 2 (2002070)

Title: Discovery Education Science Techbook (Florida) - M/J Comprehensive Science 2 , Edition: 1

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Grade Level: 6 - 8

Content

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A. Alignment with curriculum 1. 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:

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:

Many items reviewed were either well above skill level, or well below. Text was compacted yet lengthy.

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:

Would depend on the technological resources available on site as well as at student homes. Most reviewed resources were not printer friendly due to the format - amount of ink/paper resources required without tech availability.

B. Level of Treatment 4. 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:

Complexity misalignment was prevalent in may of the lessons reviewed. Lessons seemed to jump from basic recall to very high order skills without filling in the details.

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:

Although some resources had lexile choices, many of the lessons had reading levels that were quite high for student abilities. Many of the labs were "student design" which is quite a difficult task at this grade level. Other activities were so basic that they seemed to have little value, ie matching activities that will not allow the placement of an incorrect answer.

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:

Way too time consuming.

C. Expertise for Content Development 8. 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:

Many of the videos are just too old to capture students attention.

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:

I general yes, however, some errors were found.

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:

I felt that the presentation of Global Warming was biased.

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:

E. Currency of Content 14. 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:

Many of the videos were so old.

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:

F. Authenticity of Content 17. 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:

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:

Saw limited examples.

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 GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT

Justification:

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:

Depends on the technological resources available to districts/students. Although options to print materials are available, they consume quite a bit of printing resources if needed on a regular basis.

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:

C. Organization of Instructional Materials3. 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:

The materials are consistent. Although, I found the resources for teachers very time consuming to dissect the valuable content.

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:

Textual components were not enhanced enough with useful visual that would aid in understanding. Many of the video resources were very old and frankly disengaging - some were current and engaging, but often missed a solid connection to the benchmark.

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:

This was a prevalent issue in the materials reviewed. Many lessons jumped from basic vocabulary to doing fantastic student designed activities. The practice activities need improvement. Many are drag and drop, but don't allow students to get a wrong answer. They can just keep dragging and dropping until the object stays without any thought.

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:

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:

The quality of the presentation was not coherent. Some units were excellent, while others need some work. Teaching digital natives is challenging. Engagement can be challenging using a tech based product. Although this resource hits the mark in many areas, some of the elements need improvement to engage students.

Learning

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A. Motivational Strategies1. A. Instructional materials include features to maintain learner motivation.

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

Justification:

Few materials were identified that would maintain learner motivation.

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:

Throughout the lessons, a trend seemed to be teaching the very basics then jumping to high level thinking skill projects. No middle ground to effectively facilitate that jump. Some resources are so narrowly focused on a sub element of the content goal that students may not make connections with the overall learning goal.

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:

Rubrics are provided. Some rubrics rely on subjective measurement.

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:

Lots of resources for students to explore.

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:

Minimal physical activity. Many activities are simply click around and go.

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:

Many enrichment strategies are included as well as student choice.

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:

5 E's, CER responses, lab opportunities.

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:

Practice material need improvement. Lab suggestions reviewed were often quite complex/expensive/time consuming.

G. Targeted Assessment Strategies10. 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:

Some reviewed assessments were low level only, while the material was presented with much greater depth.

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:

In theory, this would depend on the technology available to each student. Many of the assessment pieces were embedded into the text and called for online responses. Unit assessments involved projects which might not be feasible. Traditional test questions were limited in scope to truly assess learning outcome.

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:

Mathematical Practice¹³. 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.)

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

Justification:

If students had one to one access to technology daily, and completed every lesson, they could learn the content required. A greater variety and amount of assessment strategies within lessons with accountable data would increase the ability to assess learning.

Standards

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http://www.cpalms.org/Uploads/docs/CPALMS/initiatives/contentcomplexity/CPALMS_ccdefinitions_140711.pdf

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.7.E.6.1:** Describe the layers of the solid Earth, including the lithosphere, the hot convecting mantle, and the dense metallic liquid and solid cores.

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

Justification:

2. **SC.7.E.6.2:** Identify the patterns within the rock cycle and relate them to surface events (weathering and erosion) and sub-surface events (plate tectonics and mountain building).

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:

3. **SC.7.E.6.3:** Identify current methods for measuring the age of Earth and its parts, including the law of superposition and radioactive dating.

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

Justification:

Big jumps in DOK 1 & 3

4. **SC.7.E.6.4:** Explain and give examples of how physical evidence supports scientific theories that Earth has evolved over geologic time due to natural processes.

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

Justification:

Lacks DOK 3

5. **SC.7.E.6.5:** Explore the scientific theory of plate tectonics by describing how the movement of Earth's crustal plates causes both slow and rapid changes in Earth's surface, including volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, and mountain building.

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

Justification:

6. **SC.7.E.6.6:** Identify the impact that humans have had on Earth, such as deforestation, urbanization, desertification, erosion, air and water quality, changing the flow of water.

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

Justification:

Information mainly limited to global warming.

7. **SC.7.E.6.7:** Recognize that heat flow and movement of material within Earth causes earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, and creates mountains and ocean basins.

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

Justification:

Only located partial coverage of the standard.

8. **SC.7.L.15.1:** Recognize that fossil evidence is consistent with the scientific theory of evolution that living things evolved from earlier species.

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

Justification:

Parts of this lesson lack cognitive complexity (example #1). Example #2 had too many distractions, confusing the learning goal.

9. **SC.7.L.15.2:** Explore the scientific theory of evolution by recognizing and explaining ways in which genetic variation and environmental factors contribute to evolution by natural selection and diversity of organisms.

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

Justification:

10. **SC.7.L.15.3:** Explore the scientific theory of evolution by relating how the inability of a species to adapt within a changing environment may contribute to the extinction of that species.

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

Justification:

Lacks cognitive complexity.

11. **SC.7.L.16.1:** Understand and explain that every organism requires a set of instructions that specifies its traits, that this hereditary information (DNA) contains genes located in the chromosomes of each cell, and that heredity is the passage of these instructions from one generation to another.

Remarks/Examples:

Integrate HE.7.C.1.4. Describe how heredity can affect personal health.

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

Justification:

Complex topic lacks sufficient foundation learning to aid in student understanding.

12. **SC.7.L.16.2:** Determine the probabilities for genotype and phenotype combinations using Punnett Squares and pedigrees.

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

Justification:

No actual practice provided.

13. **SC.7.L.16.3:** Compare and contrast the general processes of sexual reproduction requiring meiosis and asexual reproduction requiring mitosis.

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

Justification:

Good for student note taking and graphic organization.

14. **SC.7.L.16.4:** Recognize and explore the impact of biotechnology (cloning, genetic engineering, artificial selection) on the individual, society and the environment.

Remarks/Examples:

Integrate HE.7.C.1.4. Describe how heredity can affect personal health.

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

Justification:

Great hands on lab "GMO Test"

15. **SC.7.L.17.1:** Explain and illustrate the roles of and relationships among producers, consumers, and decomposers in the process of energy transfer in a food web.

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

Justification:

Lack of engagement

16. **SC.7.L.17.2:** Compare and contrast the relationships among organisms such as mutualism, predation, parasitism, competition, and commensalism.

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

Justification:

Poorly focused on standard

17. **SC.7.L.17.3:** Describe and investigate various limiting factors in the local ecosystem and their impact on native populations, including food, shelter, water, space, disease, parasitism, predation, and nesting sites.

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

Justification:

Lacks breadth of standard requirements

18. **SC.7.N.1.1:** Define a problem from the seventh 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:

19. **SC.7.N.1.2:** Differentiate replication (by others) from repetition (multiple trials).

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

Justification:

20. **SC.7.N.1.3:** Distinguish between an experiment (which must involve the identification and control of variables) and other forms of scientific investigation and explain that not all scientific knowledge is derived from experimentation.

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

Justification:

21. **SC.7.N.1.4:** Identify test variables (independent variables) and outcome variables (dependent variables) in an experiment.

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Justification:

Nice. Current material.

22. **SC.7.N.1.5:** Describe the methods used in the pursuit of a scientific explanation as seen in different fields of science such as biology, geology, and physics.

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

Justification:

Limited coverage did not match the standard. One activity focused on engineering rather than scientific method.

23. **SC.7.N.1.6:** Explain that empirical evidence is the cumulative body of observations of a natural phenomenon on which scientific explanations are based.

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

Justification:

Learning goals unclear in suggested resource.

24. **SC.7.N.1.7:** Explain that scientific knowledge is the result of a great deal of debate and confirmation within the science community.

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

Justification:

Learning goals unclear in suggested resource.

25. **SC.7.N.2.1:** Identify an instance from the history of science in which scientific knowledge has changed when new evidence or new interpretations are encountered.

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

Justification:

26. **SC.7.N.3.1:** Recognize and explain the difference between theories and laws and give several examples of scientific theories and the evidence that supports them.

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

Justification:

Lacks variety of examples

27. **SC.7.N.3.2:** Identify the benefits and limitations of the use of scientific models. Thus, the use of the term theory in science is very different than how it is used in everyday life.

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:

Does not address standard

28. **SC.7.P.10.1:** Illustrate that the sun's energy arrives as radiation with a wide range of wavelengths, including infrared, visible, and ultraviolet, and that white light is made up of a spectrum of many different colors.

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

Justification:

29. **SC.7.P.10.2:** Observe and explain that light can be reflected, refracted, and/or absorbed.

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

Justification:

Only transmission and absorption were covered in the material. Complicated lab for grade level.

30. **SC.7.P.10.3:** Recognize that light waves, sound waves, and other waves move at different speeds in different materials.

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

Justification:

The information is in the lesson but quite difficult to dissect the important points to know.

31. **SC.7.P.11.1:** Recognize that adding heat to or removing heat from a system may result in a temperature change and possibly a change of state.

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

Justification:

Nice labs

32. **SC.7.P.11.2:** Investigate and describe the transformation of energy from one form to another.

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

Justification:

33. **SC.7.P.11.3:** Cite evidence to explain that energy cannot be created nor destroyed, only changed from one form to another.

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

Justification:

Standards alignment activity illustrates the concept but does not refer to the law

34. **SC.7.P.11.4:** Observe and describe that heat flows in predictable ways, moving from warmer objects to cooler ones until they reach the same temperature.

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

Justification:

35. **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:

36. **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:

37. **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:

This package relies on student created labs quite often. Procedures, measurement and/or technical tasks might not be written/followed precisely.

38. **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:

Vocabulary highlighted and linked to interactive dictionary

39. **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:

40. **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:

41. **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:

42. **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:

43. **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:

Not enough variety of resources

44. **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:

Lots of CER practice embedded in curriculum

45. **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:

46. **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:

47. **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:

48. **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:

Could not locate resources that directly align with the "publish" section of the standard.

49. **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:

50. **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:

51. **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**

Justification:

Could not locate resources with direct alignment

52. **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:

53. **LAFS.7.SL.1.1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; 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, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

c. Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.

d. Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

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

Justification:

Insufficient resources

54. **LAFS.7.SL.1.2:** Analyze the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how the ideas clarify a topic, text, or issue under study.

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

Justification:

55. **LAFS.7.SL.1.3:** Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.

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

Justification:

56. **LAFS.7.SL.2.4:** Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

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

Justification:

Very limited opportunities for oral presentation

57. **LAFS.7.SL.2.5:** Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify claims and findings and emphasize salient points.

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

Justification:

Board Builder

58. **HE.7.C.1.3:** Analyze how environmental factors affect personal health.

Remarks/Examples:

Food refrigeration, appropriate home heating and cooling, air/water quality, and garbage/trash collection.

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

Justification:

Based on content coverage "Remarks/Examples"

59. **HE.7.C.1.8:** Explain the likelihood of injury or illness if engaging in unhealthy/risky behaviors.

Remarks/Examples:

Abuse of over-the-counter medications, sexually transmitted diseases and sexually transmitted infections from sexual relationships, injury, or death from unsupervised handling of firearms, and physical/emotional injury, or impact from abusive dating partner.

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

Justification:

60. **MAFS.7.SP.2.4:** Use measures of center and measures of variability for numerical data from random samples to draw informal comparative inferences about two populations. For example, decide whether the words in a chapter of a seventh-grade science book are generally longer than the words in a chapter of a fourth-grade science book.

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

Justification:

61. **MAFS.7.SP.3.5:** Understand that the probability of a chance event is a number between 0 and 1 that expresses the likelihood of the event occurring. Larger numbers indicate greater likelihood. A probability near 0 indicates an unlikely event, a probability around 1/2 indicates an event that is neither unlikely nor likely, and a probability near 1 indicates a likely event.

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

Justification:

62. **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:

63. **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: