

Bid 3408

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS ADMINISTRATOR

### Recommendation

Yes

**Comments:** There was a lab activity that recommends giving students a box cutter. That is a little concerning. I certainly would not give my 7th graders an instrument of that nature. It looks like some of the literacy skills are a bit light. Teachers will need to supplement their reading activities.

### Material for Review

**Course:** M/J Comprehensive Science 2, Advanced (2002080)  
**Title:** STEMscopes Florida 2.0 - 7th Grade, Advanced , 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:

Benchmarks are listed in each section and topics are addressed well.

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:

Materials are at the 7th grade level.

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:

Examples are at grade level with room to differentiate in either direction.

**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:

Appropriate examples are used to illustrate scientific concepts.

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:

I especially like the "standards unwrapped" sections. They are very helpful.

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:

Material is at grade 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:

Time is always an issue. It's up to the teacher to manage it. There will likely be topics that are skimmed and others expounded upon.

**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:

**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:

Found an error in a quiz and the evolution graphic should NOT imply that humans evolved from apes.

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 found nothing concerning.

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:

Just one error found in a quiz and the evolution picture is misleading (unfortunately a common graphic used).

**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:

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:

Good use of topics of interest to students to make science real for them.

**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:

**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:

Very nice video on solar powered lights on soccer field in Brazil.

**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.

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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:

Activities and printable were well made.

**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:

Standards and benchmarks are easy to find and work with content provided.

**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:

Reading is on grade level.

**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:

The pace works with the topics.

**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).

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

Justification:

There are good assistive options included.

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:

Presentation is adequate- not particularly flashy.

## 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:

The concept review game is a bit primitive.

**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:

Big ideas are well covered.

**C. Explicit Instruction**3. C. The materials contain clear statements of information and outcomes.

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

Justification:

Teacher background sections are helpful.

**D. Guidance and Support**4. 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:

Guided practice sections have good suggestions, though preparation is required.

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:

Activities are explained well and low tech so that most schools will be able to do them.

**E. Active Participation of Students**6. 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:

There are activities that require interaction and moving around.

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:

Claim- Evidence- Reasoning sections are helpful.

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:

Multiple choice sections offer complex choices.

**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:

Some of the math seems on the difficult side, but I thought it was quite creative.

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:

## Standards

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[http://www.cpalms.org/Uploads/docs/CPALMS/initiatives/contentcomplexity/CPALMS\\_ccdefinitions\\_140711.pdf](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:

Thorough explanation is given.

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:

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:

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:

Video is a little hokey. The kids are going to laugh at it.

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:

Good use of real world examples.

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:

Nice descriptions.

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:

Activity with Australian animals will be of interest to middle school students.

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:

Please do not use the graphic depicting man evolving from an ape. It only perpetuates a common misconception.

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:

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:

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:

Good practice activities.

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:

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:

Not a lot of detail here.

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:

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:

Creepy parasites video. Kids will love it.

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:

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.

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

Justification:

We could always use more of this practice.

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:

Included in tools of inquiry.

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:

Would prefer there was a scientific method section.

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:

Integrated into other topics.

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:

Integrated into 3 topics. Would rather have more focus on this.

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:

There needs to be more direct reference/ instruction here.

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:

A search of the standards in the materials turned up nothing.

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:

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:

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:

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:

Nice jitterbug activity.

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:

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. **SC.912.E.6.1:** Describe and differentiate the layers of Earth and the interactions among them.

**Remarks/Examples:**

Recognize the importance of the study of seismic wave data and how it can be used to determine the internal structure, density variations, and dynamic processes between Earth's layers.

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

Justification:

Seismic explanation is adequate.

36. **SC.912.E.6.2:** Connect surface features to surface processes that are responsible for their formation.

**Remarks/Examples:**

Identify various landforms (e.g. dunes, lakes, sinkholes, aquifers) and describe how they form (erosion, physical/chemical weathering, and deposition). Explain how sea level changes over time have exposed and inundated continental shelves, created and destroyed inland seas, and shaped the surface of the Earth.

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

Justification:

37. **SC.912.E.6.3:** Analyze the scientific theory of plate tectonics and identify related major processes and features as a result of moving plates.

**Remarks/Examples:**

Discuss the development of plate tectonic theory, which is derived from the combination of two theories: continental drift and seafloor spreading. Compare and contrast the three primary types of plate boundaries (convergent, divergent, and transform). Explain the origin of

geologic features and processes that result from plate tectonics (e.g. earthquakes, volcanoes, trenches, mid-ocean ridges, island arcs and chains, hot spots, earthquake distribution, tsunamis, mountain ranges).

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

Justification:

A little light on the history of the theory.

38. **SC.912.L.15.6:** Discuss distinguishing characteristics of the domains and kingdoms of living organisms.

**Remarks/Examples:**

Annually Assessed on Biology EOC. Also assesses SC.912.L.15.4 SC.912.L.15.5 SC.912.N.1.3 and SC.912.N.1.6.

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

Justification:

Classification is in the food web section and is not addressed in depth.

39. **SC.912.L.15.13:** Describe the conditions required for natural selection, including: overproduction of offspring, inherited variation, and the struggle to survive, which result in differential reproductive success.

**Remarks/Examples:**

Annually assessed on Biology EOC. Also assesses SC.912.L.15.14, SC.912.L.15.15, and SC.912.N.1.3.

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

Justification:

40. **SC.912.L.16.2:** Discuss observed inheritance patterns caused by various modes of inheritance, including dominant, recessive, codominant, sex-linked, polygenic, and multiple alleles.

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

Justification:

41. **SC.912.L.16.16:** Describe the process of meiosis, including independent assortment and crossing over. Explain how reduction division results in the formation of haploid gametes or spores.

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

Justification:

42. **SC.912.L.17.6:** Compare and contrast the relationships among organisms, including predation, parasitism, competition, commensalism, and mutualism.

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

Justification:

43. **SC.912.L.17.9:** Use a food web to identify and distinguish producers, consumers, and decomposers. Explain the pathway of energy transfer through trophic levels and the reduction of available energy at successive trophic levels.

**Remarks/Examples:**

Annually assessed on Biology EOC. Also assesses SC.912.E.7.1.

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

Justification:

Good food web examples given.

44. **SC.912.P.10.1:** Differentiate among the various forms of energy and recognize that they can be transformed from one form to others.

**Remarks/Examples:**

Differentiate between kinetic and potential energy. Recognize that energy cannot be created or destroyed, only transformed. Identify examples of transformation of energy: Heat to light in incandescent electric light bulbs Light to heat in laser drills Electrical to sound in radios Sound to electrical in microphones Electrical to chemical in battery rechargers Chemical to electrical in dry cells Mechanical to electrical in generators [power plants] Nuclear to heat in nuclear reactors Gravitational potential energy of a falling object is converted to kinetic energy then to heat and sound energy when the object hits the ground.

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

Justification:

45. **SC.912.P.10.5:** Relate temperature to the average molecular kinetic energy.

**Remarks/Examples:**

Recognize that the internal energy of an object includes the energy of random motion of the object's atoms and molecules, often referred to as thermal energy.

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

Justification:

Good examples used.

46. **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:

Claim- Evidence- Reasoning section in each lesson.

47. **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:

Though the standard is not searchable in the materials, I feel it is covered in the writing section of the evaluation.

48. **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:

49. **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:

Picture vocabulary sections are useful.

50. **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:

Literacy linking sections are focused on content and not structure of reading material.

51. **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:

There is not any analysis of the author as much as content.

52. **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:

53. **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:

54. **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:

Good exercises in discussing content in small groups.

55. **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:

56. **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:

57. **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:

Lots of writing exercises throughout the materials.

58. **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:

59. **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:

60. **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:

Research projects are integrated into the practice and intervention sections.

61. **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:

There is some, but this needs to be emphasized more.

62. **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:

63. **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:

64. **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:

65. **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:

Could be argued that this is part of some of the activities with students evaluating each other.

66. **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:

67. **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:

68. **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:

This specific standard was not searchable in the text.

69. **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:

Part of the genetics section.

70. **MAFS.8.SP.1.4:** Understand that patterns of association can also be seen in bivariate categorical data by displaying frequencies and relative frequencies in a two-way table. Construct and interpret a two-way table summarizing data on two categorical variables collected from the same subjects. Use relative frequencies calculated for rows or columns to describe possible association between the two variables. For example, collect data from students in your class on whether or not they have a curfew on school nights and whether or not they have assigned chores at home. Is there evidence that those who have a curfew also tend to have chores?

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

Justification:

This specific standard was not searchable in the text.

71. **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:

72. **HE.7.C.1.7:** Describe how heredity can affect personal health.

**Remarks/Examples:**

Sickle-cell anemia, diabetes, and acne.

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

Justification:

73. **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:

ELL sections included with each lesson.

74. **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:

Supplements are provided for ELL students.