STANDARD 1

The student understands and uses scientific concepts and principles.

To meet this standard, the student will:

Benchmark A.1.1: Use properties to identify, describe, and categorize substances, materials, and objects

Indicators:

- A.1.1.1 Identify the major elements that form the bulk of body matter
- A.1.1.2 Explain the relationships among atoms, molecules, elements and compounds
- A.1.1.3 Explain the importance of water to body homeostasis
- A.1.1.4 Describe the concept of pH and its relationship to acids and bases in the human body

Benchmark A.1.2: Identify, describe, and categorize living things based on their characteristics

Indicators:

- A.1.2.1 Identify the major body systems
- A.1.2.2 Define the terms: anatomy, physiology, and homeostasis; explain the importance of the interaction between the structure and function of organs and organ systems in the human body
- A.1.2.2 Describe the anatomical position and apply anatomical terms and terms of direction to describe the body and the relationship of its parts
- A.1.2.3 Name the four major groups of organic substances in the human body and give examples and functions of specific members of each group
- A.1.2.4 Name the four major categories of tissues and compare the location, structure and function of each
- A.1.2.5 Describe the anatomy and physiology of the integumentary, skeletal, muscular, nervous, endocrine, cardiovascular, immune and lymphatic, respiratory, digestive, urinary and reproductive systems
- A.1.2.6 Identify the components of the integumentary, skeletal, muscular, nervous, endocrine, cardiovascular, immune and lymphatic, respiratory, digestive, urinary and reproductive systems
- A.1.2.7 Discuss the physiological mechanisms of the integumentary, skeletal, muscular, nervous, endocrine, cardiovascular, immune and lymphatic, respiratory, digestive, urinary and reproductive systems
- A.1.2.8 Identify the macroscopic and microscopic structure of the integumentary, skeletal, muscular, nervous, endocrine, cardiovascular, immune and lymphatic, respiratory, digestive, urinary and reproductive systems

Benchmark A.1.3: Measure properties and characteristics

- A.1.3.1 Be able to properly use a microscope and other tools to obtain accurate information about objects and events
- A.1.3.2 Use multiple measures to derive a best value and range of uncertainty for measurements
- A.1.3.3 Use and manipulate different units of measurement

<u>Benchmark A.1.4</u>: Recognize the components, structure, and organization of systems and the interconnections within and among them

Indicators:

- A.1.4.1 Identify the cavities of the body and locate the essential organs in each
- A.1.4.2 Describe the structure and function of the components of a typical animal cell, including membrane bound and non-membrane bound organelles
- A.1.4.3 Relate membrane structure to active and passive transport mechanisms
- A.1.4.4 Describe structure and function are related in terms of cell and tissue types
- A.1.4.6 Relate the structure of the integumentary system to its functional role in protecting the body and maintaining homeostasis
- A.1.4.7 Explain how the skeletal structures provide support and protection for tissues, and function together with the muscular system to make movements possible
- A.1.4.8 Analyze and explain the relationships between the respiratory and cardiovascular systems as the obtain oxygen needed for the oxidation of nutrients and removal of carbon dioxide
- A.1.4.9 Relate the role of the urinary system to regulation of body wastes (i.e. water-electrolyte balance and volume of body fluids)
- A.1.4.10 Describe the effects of aging on body systems
- A.1.4.11 Explain how the functions of the reproductive organs are regulated by hormonal interactions
- A.1.4.12 Describe the stages of development from birth the adulthood (i.e. neonatal period, infancy, childhood, adolescence and puberty and maturity)

Benchmark A.1.5: Understand that interactions within and among systems cause changes in matter and energy

Indicators:

- A.1.5.1 Interpret interactions among hormones, senses and nerves which make possible the coordination of functions of the body
- A.1.5.2 Investigate the physiology of electrochemical impulses and neural integration and trace the pathway of an impulse, relating biochemical changes involved in the conduction of the impulse
- A.1.5.3 Describe how the body perceives internal and external stimuli and responds to maintain a stable internal environment, as it relates to biofeedback
- A.1.5.4 Describe the chemical and physical mechanisms of digestion, elimination, transportation and absorption with in the body to change food and derive energy
- A.1.5.5 Examine various conditions that change normal body functions (e.g. tissue rejection, allergies, injury, diseases and disorders) and how the body responds
- A.1.5.6 Research the scientific, technological, and mathematical knowledge and training requirements in career fields
- A.1.5.7 Identify an educational pathway which meets personal interest, aspirations, and abilities

Benchmark A.1.6: Construct and use models to predict, test, and understand scientific phenomena

- A.1.6.1 Construct and interpret scale drawings and three-dimensional models of the integumentary, skeletal, muscular, nervous, endocrine, cardiovascular, immune and lymphatic, respiratory, digestive, urinary and reproductive systems
- A.1.6.2 Identify limitations of various models
- A.1.6.3 Understand how models serve as representations of objects, processes, or events

STANDARD 2

The student conducts scientific investigations to expand understanding of the natural world.

To meet this standard, the student will:

Benchmark A.2.1: Plan and implement scientific investigations

Indicators:

- A.2.1.1 Distinguish between an observation and an inference
- A.2.1.2 Draw inferences based on observations
- A.2.1.3 Develop questions and testable hypotheses in response to observations
- A.2.1.4 Use appropriate tools to collect data and test a hypothesis
- A.2.1.5 Plan and conduct a controlled experiment, individually and collaboratively
- A.2.1.6 Develop and communicate descriptions, results, explanations, conclusions, and models from evidence
- A.2.1.7 Understand and follow proper safety procedures

Benchmark A.2.2: Think logically, analytically, and creatively

Indicators:

- A.2.2.1 Approach questions and problems using several different strategies
- A.2.2.2 Distinguish between evidence, explanation, and opinion
- A.2.2.3 Make predictions and create explanations by drawing inferences and recognizing patterns and relationships (especially mathematical relationships)
- A.2.2.4 Describe the thought process associated with a particular series of actions

Benchmark A.2.3: Practice the principles of scientific inquiry

Indicators:

- A.2.3.1 Recognize the role of science as a way of looking at the world
- A.2.3.2 Evaluate and modify processes of investigation
- A.2.3.3 Accurately record and report a series of observations
- A.2.3.4 Give proper credit to informative sources
- A.2.3.5 Explain the importance of openness, honesty, and skepticism in science
- A.2.3.6 Analyze a set of knowledge and recognize what is still unknown or unanswered
- A.2.3.7 Recognize the logical process of basing conclusions on evidence
- A.2.3.8 Recognize that scientific knowledge is always changing
- A.2.3.9 Recognize that observations can be influenced by faulty procedures and by the beliefs of the observer
- A.2.3.10 Recognize that scientific understanding can come from unexpected results
- A.2.3.11 Analyze basic assumptions held by scientists

Benchmark A.2.4: Understand the relationship between evidence and scientific explanation

Indicator:

A.2.4.1 Understand that the process of science results from inventive acts of imagination, intelligence and logical inquiry which meet certain criteria of testability, consistency, and rules of evidence

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STANDARD 3

The student applies science knowledge and skills to solve problems and meet challenges.

To meet this standard, the student will:

Benchmark A.3.1: Identify problems and challenges in which science knowledge and skills can be applied

Indicators:

- A.3.1.1 Analyze a relevant problem or challenge which is related to science or technology
- A.3.1.2 Identify the components of the problem and criteria for a suitable solution
- A.3.1.3 Describe disorders associated with the integumentary, skeletal, muscular, nervous, endocrine, cardiovascular, immune and lymphatic, respiratory, digestive, urinary and reproductive systems

Benchmark A.3.2: Research, design, and test a variety of ways to address problems and/or challenges

Indicators:

- A.3.2.1 Use scientific tools and methods to individually and collaboratively research, design, test, and compare alternative solutions to a problem
- A.3.2.2 Conduct risk-benefit analyses, investigate trade-offs and constraints, and make predictions about the consequences of implementing various solutions to a problem

Benchmark A.3.3: Evaluate solutions and consequences

Indicator:

A.3.3.1 Develop a written report which completely describes an experimental investigation

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STANDARD 4

The student uses effective communication skills and tools to build and demonstrate understanding of science.

To meet this standard, the student will:

Benchmark A.4.1: Use listening, observing, and reading skills to obtain scientific information

Indicators:

- A.4.1.1 Practice listening to and paraphrasing someone describing his/her own observations
- A.4.1.2 Read, understand, and summarize informative text

Benchmark A.4.2: Use writing and speaking skills to organize and express science ideas

Indicators:

- A.4.2.1 Construct, interpret, and utilize line graphs and other graphical displays of information
- A.4.2.2 Write informative reports that make use of formulas, symbols, diagrams, tables, and graphs
- A.4.2.3 Recognize, use, and be able to explain common science terms

<u>Benchmark A.4.3</u>: Use effective communication strategies and tools to prepare and present science information

- A.4.3.1 Utilize computer software and hardware to produce science products and conduct scientific research and investigations
- A.4.3.2 Recognize and interpret chemical equations
- A.4.3.3 Clearly present information as evidence to support a conclusion

STANDARD 5

The student understands how science knowledge and skills are connected to other subject areas and real-life situations.

To meet this standard, the student will:

Benchmark A.5.1: Use mathematics to enhance scientific understanding

Indicator:

A.5.1.1 Use statistical methods and estimation skills to make predictions and describe and analyze results

Benchmark A.5.2: Understand the relationship between science and technology

Indicators:

- A.5.2.1 Describe workplace situations which utilize scientific inquiry and technological design processes
- A.5.2.2 Explain the interdependence of science, technology, and public awareness

Benchmark A.5.3: Examine the relationship between science and history

Indicator:

A.5.3.1 Research and describe how individual contributions, various tools and techniques, and different historical periods and events have influenced the development of science

Benchmark A.5.4: Examine the relationship among science, society, and the workplace

- A.5.4.1 Describe how the scientific enterprise is influenced by societal, environmental, economic, political, and ethical considerations
- A.5.4.2 Explain how the actions of humans can affect the environment and the supply of resources
- A.5.4.3 Recognize and explain some short-term and long-term consequences of science and technology

STANDARD 6

The student understands how science knowledge carries with it responsibility for its application.

To meet this standard, the student will:

<u>Benchmark A.6.1</u>: Understand how science contributes to the treatment of diseases in the maintenance of a healthy lifestyle (Personal and Community Health)

Indicators:

- A.6.1.1 Identify the mechanisms for disease transmission
- A.6.1.2 Identify several pathogens
- A.6.1.3 Describe how HIV affects the immune system
- A.6.1.4 Describe how alcohol, tobacco and drugs affect the neural system
- A.6.1.5 Describe the neurochemistry of addiction

<u>Benchmark A.6.2</u>: Understand how the use of resources affects population growth and the global environment (Population)

Indicators:

- A.6.2.1 Describe how the management of resources directly affects populations
- A.6.2.2 Explain how the domestication of animals and plants has affected human population growth

<u>Benchmark A.6.3</u>: Understand the importance of maintaining resources and environmental quality (Environmental Quality/Resources)

Indicators:

- A.6.3.1 List at least three types of renewable resources
- A.6.3.2 List several primary pollutants and sources
- A.6.3.3 Analyze the impact of industrialization on the environment

Benchmark A.6.4: Understand the ethical issues inherent in scientific research (Ethics)

- A.6.4.1 Identify the components of credible scientific research
- A.6.4.2 Analyze the implications of current biological research in the areas of health and genetics
- A.6.4.3 Ensure experiments are performed without endangering animals
- A.6.4.4 Understand that the power of scientific knowledge carries with it ethical responsibilities as well