Verona Public School District

Curriculum Overview

Biology

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Verona Public Schools Mission Statement:

The mission of the Verona Public Schools, the center of an engaged and supportive community, is to empower students to achieve their potential as active learners and productive citizens through rigorous curricula and meaningful, enriching experiences.

Course Description:

BIOLOGY: This course is designed to satisfy the benchmarks set forth by New Jersey End of Course Biology Exam. Biology is the study of living organisms using an inquiry approach. Through the use of laboratory techniques, class discussions, cooperative learning, current events and independent work, the student will develop an appreciation and understanding of the following modern biological concepts: microscopy, biochemistry, genetics, evolution, taxonomy, microbiology, animal and plant anatomy and physiology, and ecology.

BIOLOGY HONORS: This is designed to exceed the benchmarks set forth by New Jersey End of Course Biology Exam. The Honors Biology program is designed to introduce students to the ever changing, complex, and fascinating principles of biology. Students are expected to demonstrate an outstanding work ethic and solid performance in the comprehension of scientific reading material, analysis of data, and performance of laboratory experiments. Students are also expected to conduct independent research on a topic of their choice that is related to a current biological event.

Prerequisite(s):

Biology: 8th Grade Science
Biology Honors: Minimum of an A- in 8th grade Science

Standard 8: Technology Standards

8.1: Educational Technology: *All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate knowledge.*	**8.2: Technology Education, Engineering, Design, and Computational Thinking - Programming:** *All students will develop an understanding of the nature and impact of technology, engineering, technological design, computational thinking and the designed world as they relate to the individual, global society, and the environment.*
A. Technology Operations and Concepts	**X** A. The Nature of Technology: Creativity and Innovation
X B. Creativity and Innovation	**X** B. Technology and Society
X C. Communication and Collaboration	**X** C. Design
D. Digital Citizenship	D. Abilities for a Technological World
X E. Research and Information Fluency	E. Computational Thinking: Programming
X F. Critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making	

SEL Competencies and Career Ready Practices

Social and Emotional Learning Core Competencies: *These competencies are identified as five interrelated sets of cognitive, affective, and behavioral capabilities*	**Career Ready Practices:** *These practices outline the skills that all individuals need to have to truly be adaptable, reflective, and proactive in life and careers. These are researched practices that are essential to career readiness.*
Self-awareness: The ability to accurately recognize one's emotions and thoughts and their influence on behavior. This includes accurately assessing one's strengths and limitations and possessing a well-grounded sense of confidence and optimism.	**X** CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills. **X** CRP9. Model integrity, ethical leadership, and effective management. CRP10. Plan education and career paths aligned to personal goals.
Self-management: The ability to regulate one's emotions, thoughts, and behaviors effectively in different situations. This includes managing stress, controlling impulses, motivating oneself, and setting and working toward achieving personal and academic goals.	**X** CRP3. Attend to personal health and financial well-being. **X** CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation. **X** CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. **X** CRP11. Use technology to enhance productivity.
Social awareness: The ability to take the perspective of and empathize with others from diverse backgrounds and cultures, to understand social and ethical norms for behavior, and to recognize family, school, and community resources and supports.	**X** CRP1. Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee. **X** CRP9. Model integrity, ethical leadership, and effective management.
Relationship skills: The ability to establish and maintain healthy and rewarding relationships with diverse individuals and groups. This includes communicating clearly, listening actively, cooperating, resisting inappropriate social pressure, negotiating conflict constructively, and seeking and offering help when needed.	**X** CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason. **X** CRP9. Model integrity, ethical leadership, and effective management. CRP12. Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence.
Responsible decision making: The ability to make constructive and respectful choices about personal behavior and social interactions based on consideration of ethical standards, safety concerns, social norms, the realistic evaluation of consequences of various actions, and the well-being of self and others.	**X** CRP5. Consider the environmental, social, and economic impact of decisions. CRP7. Employ valid and reliable research strategies. **X** CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. **X** CRP9. Model integrity, ethical leadership, and effective management.

Standard 9: 21st Century Life and Careers

9.1: Personal Financial Literacy: *This standard outlines the important fiscal knowledge, habits, and skills that must be mastered in order for students to make informed decisions about personal finance. Financial literacy is an integral component of a student's college and career readiness, enabling students to achieve fulfilling, financially-secure, and successful careers.*	**9.2: Career Awareness, Exploration & Preparation:** *This standard outlines the importance of being knowledgeable about one's interests and talents, and being well informed about postsecondary and career options, career planning, and career requirements.*	**9.3: Career and Technical Education:** *This standard outlines what students should know and be able to do upon completion of a CTE Program of Study.*
A. Income and Careers B. Money Management C. Credit and Debt Management D. Planning, Saving, and Investing **X** E. Becoming a Critical Consumer F. Civic Financial Responsibility G. Insuring and Protecting	A. Career Awareness (K-4) B. Career Exploration (5-8) **X** C. Career Preparation (9-12)	A. Agriculture, Food & Natural Res. B. Architecture & Construction C. Arts, A/V Technology & Comm. D. Business Management & Admin. E. Education & Training F. Finance G. Government & Public Admin. H. Health Science I. Hospital & Tourism J. Human Services K. Information Technology L. Law, Public, Safety, Corrections & Security M. Manufacturing N. Marketing **X** O. Science, Technology, Engineering & Math P. Transportation, Distribution & Log.

Course Materials

Core Instructional Materials: *These are the board adopted and approved materials to support the curriculum, instruction, and assessment of this course.*	**Differentiated Resources**: *These are teacher and department found materials, and also approved support materials that facilitate differentiation of curriculum, instruction, and assessment of this course.*
Holt Biology	• Pearson Biology Review • Project Infuse (Stevens Institute) • Online: o Learn.genetics.utah o DNAi.org o Chem for Kids

Verona High School — Biology

Unit: Structures and Functions for Life (Systems Thinking)	Unit Duration: 10 weeks

Stage 1: Desired Results

Established Goals:

HS-LS1-1. Construct an explanation based on evidence for how the structure of DNA determines the structure of proteins which carry out the essential functions of life through systems of specialized cells. [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include identification of specific cell or tissue types, whole body systems, specific protein structures and functions, or the biochemistry of protein synthesis.]

HS-LS1-2. Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on functions at the organism system level such as nutrient uptake, water delivery, and organism movement in response to neural stimuli. An example of an interacting system could be an artery depending on the proper function of elastic tissue and smooth muscle to regulate and deliver the proper amount of blood within the circulatory system.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include interactions and functions at the molecular or chemical reaction level.]

HS-LS1-3. Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that feedback mechanisms maintain homeostasis. [Clarification Statement: Examples of investigations could include heart rate response to exercise, stomate response to moisture and temperature, and root development in response to water levels.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the cellular processes involved in the feedback mechanism.]

Science and Engineering Practices

Developing and Using Models

- Develop and use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. **(HS-LS1-2)**

Planning and Carrying Out Investigations

- Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. (H**S-LS1-3)**

Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions

- Construct an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. **(HS-LS1-1)**

Connections to Nature of Science

Scientific Investigations Use a Variety of Methods

- Scientific inquiry is characterized by a common set of values that include: logical thinking, precision, open-mindedness, objectivity, skepticism, replicability of results, and honest and ethical reporting of findings. **(HS-LS1-3)**

Disciplinary Core Ideas

LS1.A: Structure and Function

- Systems of specialized cells within organisms help them perform the essential functions of life. (HS-LS1-1)
- All cells contain genetic information in the form of DNA molecules. Genes are regions in the DNA that contain the instructions that code for the formation of proteins, which carry out most of the work of cells. (HS-LS1-1) (Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by HS-LS3-1.)
- Multicellular organisms have a hierarchical structural organization, in which any one system is made up of numerous parts and is itself a component of the next level. (HS-LS1-2)
- Feedback mechanisms maintain a living system's internal conditions within certain limits and mediate behaviors, allowing it to remain alive and functional even as external conditions change within some range. Feedback mechanisms can encourage (through positive feedback) or discourage (negative feedback) what is going on inside the living system. (HS-LS1-3)

Crosscutting Concepts

Systems and System Models

- Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions—including energy, matter, and information flows—within and between systems at different scales. (HS-LS1-2)

Structure and Function

- Investigating or designing new systems or structures requires a detailed examination of the properties of different materials, the structures of different components, and connections of components to reveal its function and/or solve a problem. (HS-LS1-1)

Stability and Change

- Feedback (negative or positive) can stabilize or destabilize a system. (HS-LS1-3)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

ELA/Literacy –

RST.11-12.1 Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-LS1-1)

WHST.9-12.2 Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-LS1-1)

WHST.9-12.7 Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-LS1-3)

WHST.11-12.8 Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation. (HS-LS1-3)

WHST.9-12.9 Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (HS-LS1-1)

SL.11-12.5 Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest. (HS-LS1-2)

Transfer Goal:

Students will be able to <u>independently</u> use their learning to…Design and build an algae farm to sequester CO_2.

Students will understand that:

1. Cells carry out life functions through the interactions of systems of organelles and functional molecules.
2. Cellular function is maintained through the regulation of cellular processes in response to internal and external environmental conditions.
3. Mitosis, meiosis, and fertilization allow sexually reproducing species to maintain proper chromosome number across generations.
4. Plants use light energy to power photosynthesis, the process that produces glucose.
5. All organisms must break the high-energy bonds in food molecules during cell respiration to obtain the energy needed for life processes.

Essential Questions:

1. How do the cells of our body accomplish so many different tasks?
2. How can a single cell perform the same life functions as a complex multicellular organism?
3. Why would a cell placed in distilled water burst? How might some cells be able to prevent this untimely death?
4. How do plant and animal cells create energy for themselves?
5. How do cell processes allow our bodies to grow and how is cancer related to a breakdown in these processes?
6. How is new tissue created as we grow and develop?

Students will know:

1. Describe how various pairs of organelles work together to accomplish a task.
2. Compare and contrast plant and animal cell structures and processes.
3. Compare and contrast prokaryotic and eukaryotic cell structures and processes.
4. Explain how cells can have different structures despite having identical DNA.
5. Predict the effect of different environmental conditions on the size and functions of cells.

Students will be able to:

1. Magnify and focus specimens using the compound light microscope.
2. Identify cell parts and stages of mitosis using the compound light microscope.

Stage 2: Acceptable Evidence

Transfer Task

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Unit: Ecology	Unit Duration: 10 weeks

Stage 1: Desired Results

Established Goals:

HS-LS2-1. Use mathematical and/or computational representations to support explanations of factors that affect carrying capacity of ecosystems at different scales. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on quantitative analysis and comparison of the relationships among interdependent factors including boundaries, resources, climate and competition. Examples of mathematical comparisons could include graphs, charts, histograms, or population changes gathered from simulations or historical data sets.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include deriving mathematical equations to make comparisons.]

HS-LS2-2. Use mathematical representations to support and revise explanations based on evidence about factors affecting biodiversity and populations in ecosystems of different scales. [Clarification Statement: Examples of mathematical representations include finding the average, determining trends, and using graphical comparisons of multiple sets of data.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to provided data.]

HS-LS2-6. Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning that the complex interactions in ecosystems maintain relatively consistent numbers and types of organisms in stable conditions, but changing conditions may result in a new ecosystem. [Clarification Statement: Examples of changes in ecosystem conditions could include modest biological or physical changes, such as moderate hunting or a seasonal flood; and extreme changes, such as volcanic eruption or sea level rise.]

HS-LS2-7. Design, evaluate, and refine a solution for reducing the impacts of human activities on the environment and biodiversity.* [Clarification Statement: Examples of human activities can include urbanization, building dams, and dissemination of invasive species.]

HS-LS2-8. Evaluate the evidence for the role of group behavior on individual and species' chances to survive and reproduce. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on: (1) distinguishing between group and individual behavior, (2) identifying evidence supporting the outcomes of group behavior, and (3) developing logical and reasonable arguments based on evidence. Examples of group behaviors could include flocking, schooling, herding, and cooperative behaviors such as hunting, migrating, and swarming.]

HS-LS4-6. Create or revise a simulation to test a solution to mitigate adverse impacts of human activity on biodiversity.* [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on designing solutions for a proposed problem related to threatened or endangered species, or to genetic variation of organisms for multiple species.]

Science and Engineering Practices

Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking

- Use mathematical and/or computational representations of phenomena or design solutions to support explanations. (HS-LS2-1)
- Use mathematical representations of phenomena or design solutions to support and revise explanations. (HS-LS2-2)
- Create or revise a simulation of a phenomenon, designed device, process, or system. (HS-LS4-6)

Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions

- Design, evaluate, and refine a solution to a complex real-world problem, based on scientific knowledge, student-generated sources of evidence, prioritized criteria, and tradeoff considerations. (HS-LS2-7)

Engaging in Argument from Evidence

- Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning behind currently accepted explanations or solutions to determine the merits of arguments. (HS-LS2-6)
- Evaluate the evidence behind currently accepted explanations to determine the merits of arguments. (HS-LS2-8)

Connections to Nature of Science

Scientific Knowledge is Open to Revision in Light of New Evidence

- Most scientific knowledge is quite durable, but is, in principle, subject to change based on new evidence and/or reinterpretation of existing evidence. (HS-LS2-2)
- Scientific argumentation is a mode of logical discourse used to clarify the strength of relationships between ideas and evidence that may result in revision of an explanation. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-8)

Disciplinary Core Ideas

LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems

- Ecosystems have carrying capacities, which are limits to the numbers of organisms and populations they can support. These limits result from such factors as the availability of living and nonliving resources and from such challenges such as predation, competition, and disease. Organisms would have the capacity to produce populations of great size were it not for the fact that environments and resources are finite. This fundamental tension affects the abundance (number of individuals) of species in any given ecosystem. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2)

LS2.C: Ecosystem Dynamics, Functioning, and Resilience

- A complex set of interactions within an ecosystem can keep its numbers and types of organisms relatively constant over long periods of time under stable conditions. If a modest biological or physical disturbance to an ecosystem occurs, it may return to its more or less original status (i.e., the ecosystem is resilient), as opposed to becoming a very different ecosystem. Extreme fluctuations in conditions or the size of any population, however, can challenge the functioning of ecosystems in terms of resources and habitat availability. (HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6)
- Moreover, anthropogenic changes (induced by human activity) in the environment—including habitat destruction, pollution, introduction of invasive species, overexploitation, and climate change—can disrupt an ecosystem and threaten the survival of some species. (HS-LS2-7)

LS2.D: Social Interactions and Group Behavior

- Group behavior has evolved because membership can increase the chances of survival for individuals and their genetic relatives. (HS-LS2-8)

LS4.C: Adaptation

- Changes in the physical environment, whether naturally occurring or human induced, have thus contributed to the expansion of some species, the emergence of new distinct species as populations diverge under different conditions, and the decline–and sometimes the extinction–of some species. (HS-LS4-6)

LS4.D: Biodiversity and Humans

- Biodiversity is increased by the formation of new species (speciation) and decreased by the loss of species (extinction). (secondary to HS-LS2-7)
- Humans depend on the living world for the resources and other benefits provided by biodiversity. But human activity is also having adverse impacts on biodiversity through overpopulation, overexploitation, habitat destruction, pollution, introduction of invasive species, and climate change. Thus sustaining biodiversity so that ecosystem functioning and productivity are maintained is essential to supporting and enhancing life on Earth. Sustaining biodiversity also aids humanity by preserving landscapes of recreational or inspirational value. (secondary to HS-LS2-7), (HS-LS4-6)

ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions

- When evaluating solutions, it is important to take into account a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, and to consider social, cultural, and environmental impacts. (secondary to HS-LS2-7),(secondary to HS-LS4-6)
- Both physical models and computers can be used in various ways to aid in the engineering design process. Computers are useful for a variety of purposes, such as running simulations to test different ways of solving a problem or to see which one is most efficient or economical; and in making a persuasive presentation to a client about how a given design will meet his or her needs. (secondary to HS-LS4-6)

Crosscutting Concepts

Cause and Effect

- Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-LS2-8),(HS-LS4-6)

Scale, Proportion, and Quantity

- The significance of a phenomenon is dependent on the scale, proportion, and quantity at which it occurs. (HS-LS2-1)
- Using the concept of orders of magnitude allows one to understand how a model at one scale relates to a model at another scale. (HS-LS2-2)

Stability and Change

- Much of science deals with constructing explanations of how things change and how they remain stable. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

ELA/Literacy –

RST.9-10.8 Assess the extent to which the reasoning and evidence in a text support the author's claim or a recommendation for solving a scientific or technical problem. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7),(HS-LS2-8)
RST.11-12.1 Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-8)
RST.11-12.7 Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., quantitative data, video, multimedia) in order to address a question or solve a problem. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7),(HS-LS2-8)
RST.11-12.8 Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information. (HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7),(HS-LS2-8)
WHST.9-12.2 Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2)
WHST.9-12.5 Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (HS-LS4-6)
WHST.9-12.7 Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (HS-LS2-7),(HS-LS4-6)

Mathematics –

MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-6),(HS-LS2-7)
MP.4 Model with mathematics. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2)
HSN-Q.A.1 Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-7)
HSN-Q.A.2 Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-7)
HSN-Q.A.3 Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-LS2-1),(HS-LS2-2),(HS-LS2-7)
HSS-ID.A.1 Represent data with plots on the real number line. (HS-LS2-6)
HSS-IC.A.1 Understand statistics as a process for making inferences about population parameters based on a random sample from that population. (HS-LS2-6)
HSS-IC.B.6 Evaluate reports based on data. (HS-LS2-6)

Transfer Goal:

Students will be able to <u>independently</u> use their learning to……create/develop a stable ecosystem of their choice and demonstrate how any natural or human interruption can disturb the stability of your ecosystem.

Students will understand that:

1. Order in natural systems arises in accordance with rules that govern the physical world, and the order of natural systems can be modeled and predicted through the use of mathematics.
2. Ecosystems consist of relationships and interdependencies between organisms and the biotic and abiotic factors that surround them, and these relationships affect the stability of the ecosystem.
3. Abiotic factors determine the abundance and variety of life in an ecosystem and disruptions to these factors, both natural and man-made, change the ecosystem.

Essential Questions:

1. What is interdependence?
2. What determines the abundance and variety of life?
3. How can scientists make sense of the immense and complex web of relationships in natural communities?

Students will know:

1. Energy flows from the sun through producers to consumers, and ultimately to decomposers.
2. Abiotic and biotic factors affect ecosystems and shape biomes.
3. The diversity of populations within an ecosystem contributes to the stability of the ecosystem.
4. How the steps of ecological succession occur following disturbances to ecosystems.
5. How to analyze pyramids of numbers, biomass & energy.
6. How the geochemical cycles function in sustaining life on Earth.
7. How communities interact through predation, symbiosis, parasitism, and competition.
8. The five limiting factors that affect population growth.
9. The effects that acid rain, global warming, deforestation, and other forms of pollution have on ecosystems.

Students will be able to:

1. Given a set of biotic & abiotic factors, identify the biome and its climax community.
2. Differentiate between primary and secondary succession.
3. Construct a food web and predict the consequences of removing a species from a food web.
4. Use the 10% rule to analyze energy pyramids.
5. Contrast the various types of ecological pyramids.
6. Explain how removing an important element in a geochemical cycle can impact the entire cycle.
7. Explain the cyclic nature of matter versus the linear flow of energy through an ecosystem.
8. Interpret and predict population growth curves of carrying capacity and exponential growth.
9. Explain how limiting factors affect population growth.

	10. Identify the cause, effect, and possible solution to all the environmental problems discussed in class.

Stage 2: Acceptable Evidence

Transfer Task

You are working for the State of New Jersey as an environmental ecologist and have been given the task of creating a strategic plan for Finnegan, New Jersey.

Task:
Finnegan, New Jersey is located in the northeastern part of the state and is surrounded by a river. It has been a stable ecosystem for the past 100 years. However, there has been a catastrophic disruption in this city.

Choose either a natural disaster such as a hurricane or earthquake, or a human interruption such as fire or pollution (air or water) and develop a plan on how the disaster struck the city and, how the ecosystem can be restored to its former state.

Your plan must include the following:

- A statement as to the characteristics of the ecosystem in Finnegan, N.J. prior to the disaster.
- How the disaster affected the abiotic and biotic factors of the ecosystem
- The events that should occur to restore the ecosystem to its prior state.

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Unit: Genetics	Unit Duration: 10 weeks

Stage 1: Desired Results

Established Goals:

HS-LS1-4. Use a model to illustrate the role of cellular division (mitosis) and differentiation in producing and maintaining complex organisms. [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include specific gene control mechanisms or rote memorization of the steps of mitosis.]

HS-LS3-1. Ask questions to clarify relationships about the role of DNA and chromosomes in coding the instructions for characteristic traits passed from parents to offspring. [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the phases of meiosis or the biochemical mechanism of specific steps in the process.]

HS-LS3-2. Make and defend a claim based on evidence that inheritable genetic variations may result from: (1) new genetic combinations through meiosis, (2) viable errors occurring during replication, and/or (3) mutations caused by environmental factors. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using data to support arguments for the way variation occurs.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the phases of meiosis or the biochemical mechanism of specific steps in the process.]

HS-LS3-3. Apply concepts of statistics and probability to explain the variation and distribution of expressed traits in a population. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the use of mathematics to describe the probability of traits as it relates to genetic and environmental factors in the expression of traits.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include Hardy-Weinberg calculations.]

Science and Engineering Practices

Asking Questions and Defining Problems
- Ask questions that arise from examining models or a theory to clarify relationships. (HS-LS3-1)

Developing and Using Models
- Use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-LS1-4)

Analyzing and Interpreting Data
- Apply concepts of statistics and probability (including determining function fits to data, slope, intercept, and correlation coefficient for linear fits) to scientific and engineering questions and problems, using digital tools when feasible. (HS-LS3-3)

Engaging in Argument from Evidence
- Make and defend a claim based on evidence about the natural world that reflects scientific knowledge, and student-generated evidence. (HS-LS3-2)

Disciplinary Core Ideas

LS1.A: Structure and Function
- All cells contain genetic information in the form of DNA molecules. Genes are regions in the DNA that contain the instructions that code for the formation of proteins. (secondary to HS-LS3-1) (Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by HS-LS1-1.)

LS1.B: Growth and Development of Organisms
- In multicellular organisms individual cells grow and then divide via a process called mitosis, thereby allowing the organism to grow. The organism begins as a single cell (fertilized egg) that divides successively to produce many cells, with each parent cell passing identical genetic material (two variants of each chromosome pair) to both daughter cells. Cellular division and differentiation produce and maintain a complex organism, composed of systems of tissues and organs that work together to meet the needs of the whole organism. (HS-LS1-4)

LS3.A: Inheritance of Traits
- Each chromosome consists of a single very long DNA molecule, and each gene on the chromosome is a particular segment of that DNA. The instructions for forming species' characteristics are carried in DNA. All cells in an organism have the same genetic content, but the genes used (expressed) by the cell may be regulated in different ways. Not all DNA codes for a protein; some segments of DNA are involved in regulatory or structural functions, and some have no as-yet known function. (HS-LS3-1)

LS3.B: Variation of Traits
- In sexual reproduction, chromosomes can sometimes swap sections during the process of meiosis (cell division), thereby creating new genetic combinations and thus more genetic variation. Although DNA replication is tightly regulated and remarkably accurate, errors do occur and result in mutations, which are also a source of genetic variation. Environmental factors can also cause mutations in genes, and viable mutations are inherited. (HS-LS3-2)
- Environmental factors also affect expression of traits, and hence affect the probability of occurrences of traits in a population. Thus the variation and distribution of traits observed depends on both genetic and environmental factors. (HS-LS3-2),(HS-LS3-3)

Crosscutting Concepts

Cause and Effect
- Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-LS3-1),(HS-LS3-2)

Scale, Proportion, and Quantity
- Algebraic thinking is used to examine scientific data and predict the effect of a change in one variable on another (e.g., linear growth vs. exponential growth). (HS-LS3-3)

Systems and System Models
- Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions—including energy, matter, and information flows—within and between systems at different scales. (HS-LS1-4)

Connections to Nature of Science

Science is a Human Endeavor
- Technological advances have influenced the progress of science and science has influenced advances in technology. (HS-LS3-3)
- Science and engineering are influenced by society and society is influenced by science and engineering. (HS-LS3-3)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

ELA/Literacy –

RST.11-12.1 Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-LS3-1),(HS-LS3-2)

RST.11-12.9 Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible. (HS-LS3-1)

WHST.9-12.1 Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content. (HS-LS3-2)

SL.11-12.5 Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest. (HS-LS1-4)

Mathematics –

MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-LS3-2),(HS-LS3-3)

Transfer Goal:

Students will be able to <u>independently</u> use their learning to…*Students will be able to independently use their learning to use the principles of probability in predicting the pattern of inheritance for solving different cases.*

Students will understand that:

1. Patterns can be used to predict inheritance of a characteristic.

2. Probability and actuality are two very different things. Just because what you expect to happen didn't happen; it does not mean it is wrong.

Essential Questions:

1. How can mutations be good for living organisms?
2. To what extent can we predict human genetic disorders?
3. Why can't you marry your sister?
4. If a person has blond hair, does that mean they will have blue eyes?
5. To what extent can we predict the genetic makeup of an organism's offspring?

Students will know:

1. Explain Mendel's Patterns of Inheritance (monohybrid and di-hybrid crosses).
2. Explain the exceptions to Mendel's Laws: incomplete dominance, sex linkage and multiple alleles.
3. Human Genetics and the process used to detect disorders (pedigrees).

Students will be able to:

1. Use principles of probability to solve selected genetic problems.
2. Interpret and analyze data from genetic experiments and pedigrees.
3. Create and analyze a pedigree for multiple generations.
4. Predict the pattern of inheritance of human genetic disorders.

Stage 2: Acceptable Evidence

Transfer Task

This story appeared in the local paper recently:

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones was caught in a twister and they were permanently sent to another world called Oz. Authorities found one million dollars hidden in a feed bid in the chicken coop. The couple is known to have a son, from whom they are estranged. This man is the sole heir to the Jones fortune.

Five men show up, each claiming to be the couple's long lost son who had run away to become a sheep-herder. You are called in as a genetics expert to decide who the rightful heir is. This mystery will be solved in three parts:

- Part One: Monohybrid Crosses
- Part Two: Codominance and Incomplete Dominance
- Part Three: Sex-Linked Inheritance

Verona High School — Biology

Unit: Evolution	Unit Duration: 10 weeks

Stage 1: Desired Results

Established Goals:

HS-LS4-1. Communicate scientific information that common ancestry and biological evolution are supported by multiple lines of empirical evidence. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on a conceptual understanding of the role each line of evidence has relating to common ancestry and biological evolution. Examples of evidence could include similarities in DNA sequences, anatomical structures, and order of appearance of structures in embryological development.]

HS-LS4-2. Construct an explanation based on evidence that the process of evolution primarily results from four factors: (1) the potential for a species to increase in number, (2) the heritable genetic variation of individuals in a species due to mutation and sexual reproduction, (3) competition for limited resources, and (4) the proliferation of those organisms that are better able to survive and reproduce in the environment. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using evidence to explain the influence each of the four factors has on number of organisms, behaviors, morphology, or physiology in terms of ability to compete for limited resources and subsequent survival of individuals and adaptation of species. Examples of evidence could include mathematical models such as simple distribution graphs and proportional reasoning.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include other mechanisms of evolution, such as genetic drift, gene flow through migration, and co-evolution.]

HS-LS4-3. Apply concepts of statistics and probability to support explanations that organisms with an advantageous heritable trait tend to increase in proportion to organisms lacking this trait. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on analyzing shifts in numerical distribution of traits and using these shifts as evidence to support explanations.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to basic statistical and graphical analysis. Assessment does not include allele frequency calculations.]

HS-LS4-4. Construct an explanation based on evidence for how natural selection leads to adaptation of populations. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using data to provide evidence for how specific biotic and abiotic differences in ecosystems (such as ranges of seasonal temperature, long-term climate change, acidity, light, geographic barriers, or evolution of other organisms) contribute to a change in gene frequency over time, leading to adaptation of populations.]

HS-LS4-5. Evaluate the evidence supporting claims that changes in environmental conditions may result in: (1) increases in the number of individuals of some species, (2) the emergence of new species over time, and (3) the extinction of other species. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on determining cause and effect relationships for how changes to the environment such as deforestation, fishing, application of fertilizers, drought, flood, and the rate of change of the environment affect distribution or disappearance of traits in species.]

Science and Engineering Practices

Analyzing and Interpreting Data
- Apply concepts of statistics and probability (including determining function fits to data, slope, intercept, and correlation coefficient for linear fits) to scientific and engineering questions and problems, using digital tools when feasible. (HS-LS4-3)

Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions
- Construct an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-4)

Engaging in Argument from Evidence
- Evaluate the evidence behind currently accepted explanations or solutions to determine the merits of arguments. (HS-LS4-5)

Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information
- Communicate scientific information (e.g., about phenomena and/or the process of development and the design and performance of a proposed process or system) in multiple formats (including orally, graphically, textually, and mathematically). (HS-LS4-1)

Connections to Nature of Science

Science Models, Laws, Mechanisms, and Theories Explain Natural Phenomena
- A scientific theory is a substantiated explanation of some aspect of the natural world, based on a body of facts that have been repeatedly confirmed through observation and experiment and the science community validates each theory before it is accepted. If new evidence is discovered that the theory does not accommodate, the theory is generally modified in light of this new evidence. (HS-LS4-1)

Disciplinary Core Ideas

LS4.A: Evidence of Common Ancestry and Diversity
- Genetic information provides evidence of evolution. DNA sequences vary among species, but there are many overlaps; in fact, the ongoing branching that produces multiple lines of descent can be inferred by comparing the DNA sequences of different organisms. Such information is also derivable from the similarities and differences in amino acid sequences and from anatomical and embryological evidence. (HS-LS4-1)

LS4.B: Natural Selection
- Natural selection occurs only if there is both (1) variation in the genetic information between organisms in a population and (2) variation in the expression of that genetic information—that is, trait variation—that leads to differences in performance among individuals. (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3)
- The traits that positively affect survival are more likely to be reproduced, and thus are more common in the population. (HS-LS4-3)

LS4.C: Adaptation
- Evolution is a consequence of the interaction of four factors: (1) the potential for a species to increase in number, (2) the genetic variation of individuals in a species due to mutation and sexual reproduction, (3) competition for an environment's limited supply of the resources that individuals need in order to survive and reproduce, and (4) the ensuing proliferation of those organisms that are better able to survive and reproduce in that environment. (HS-LS4-2)
- Natural selection leads to adaptation, that is, to a population dominated by organisms that are anatomically, behaviorally, and physiologically well suited to survive and reproduce in a specific environment. That is, the differential survival and reproduction of organisms in a population that have an advantageous heritable trait leads to an increase in the proportion of individuals in future generations that have the trait and to a decrease in the proportion of individuals that do not. (HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4)
- Adaptation also means that the distribution of traits in a population can change when conditions change. (HS-LS4-3)
- Changes in the physical environment, whether naturally occurring or human induced, have thus contributed to the expansion of some species, the emergence of new distinct species as populations diverge under different conditions, and the decline–and sometimes the extinction–of some species. (HS-LS4-5)
- Species become extinct because they can no longer survive and reproduce in their altered environment. If members cannot adjust to change that is too fast or drastic, the opportunity for the species' evolution is lost. (HS-LS4-5)

Crosscutting Concepts

Patterns
- Different patterns may be observed at each of the scales at which a system is studied and can provide evidence for causality in explanations of phenomena. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-3)

Cause and Effect
- Empirical evidence is required to differentiate between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects. (HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5)

Connections to Nature of Science

Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems
- Scientific knowledge is based on the assumption that natural laws operate today as they did in the past and they will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-4)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

ELA/Literacy –

RST.11-12.1 Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4)

RST.11-12.8 Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information. (HS-LS4-5)

WHST.9-12.2 Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4)

WHST.9-12.9 Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5)

SL.11-12.4 Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2)

Mathematics –

MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-LS4-1),(HS-LS4-2),(HS-LS4-3),(HS-LS4-4),(HS-LS4-5)

MP.4 Model with mathematics. (HS-LS4-2)

Transfer Goal:

Students will be able to <u>independently</u> use their learning to…Students will be able to independently use their learning to analyze data to determine the survival of a species over time.

Students will understand that:

1. Variation is the cornerstone of evolution.
2. Variation leads to differential survival. Environmental factors influence which variations are favorable.
3. All organisms change over time.

Essential Questions:

1. How long does evolution take?
2. How do we know evolution happens?
3. Do the "fittest" always survive?
4. How do organisms and the environment affect each other?

Students will know:

1. Describe the endosymbiotic theory.
2. Explain evolution through the occurrence of natural selection.
3. Explain evolution as a unifying theme in Biology.
4. Explain how the collected evidence provides support for evolution.

Students will be able to:

1. Construct a scaled timeline of Earth's history.
2. Derive components of the theory of natural selection by interpreting authentic data.
3. Interpret evidence to support natural selection.

Stage 2: Acceptable Evidence

Transfer Task

You are a primatologist who studies lemurs and you focus on the nocturnal aye-aye. The aye-aye has a number of traits that set it apart from other primates and allow it to exploit different niches than other lemurs. In the mid-1800's, Richard Owen used the aye-aye as an example of an animal that natural selection did not act upon. Compare the aye-aye to other lemurs, documenting which traits they share and do not share with other lemurs. Describe their unique niche and justify the claim that natural selection did act on the aye-aye, and use scientific evidence to describe how it fits its niche in Madagascar.