

6th grade Science Guide

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Foreword

The purpose of this guide is to:

- Provide guidance for scoring student evidence.
- Identify pacing for evidence collection.

This curriculum guide is not...

- Used for designing instruction (you'll use your curricular materials for that working through each lesson as designed).
- Meant to restrict your creativity as a teacher.
- A ceiling of what your students can learn, nor a set of unattainable goals.

Instead, the curriculum guide *is* meant to be a common vision for student learning and a set of targets and success criteria directed related to grade level standards by which to measure and report student progress and provide meaningful feedback.

The curriculum guide outlines the learning that is **most essential** for student success; it is our district's guaranteed and viable curriculum. The expectation is that every student in our district, regardless of school or classroom, will have access to and learn these targets. As the classroom teacher, you should use the materials within our adopted curriculum to help you to scaffold up to the learning targets and extend your students' learning beyond them.

Please consider this guide a living and dynamic document, subject to change and a part of a continuous feedback loop.

6th grade: Year at a Glance Curriculum Access: OpenSciEd

Semester I	Topic I: <u>Light & Matter</u>	Topic 2: <u>Thermal Energy</u>	Topic 3: <u>Weather, Climate & Water</u> <u>Cycling</u>
<u>Reporting</u> <u>frequency of topic</u> <u>scores</u>	4 weeks	8 weeks	6 weeks
Approximate beginning and end dates for the topics	8/28 – 9/22	9/26 – 11/21	11/27 – 1/12
Specific Pacing			Lesson Set 3 and 4 (Optional)
Standards Aligned	<u>MS-PS4-2, MS-LS1-8</u>	<u>MS-PS1-4, MS-PS3-5, MS-PS3-3, MS-PS3-4, MS-ETS1-4</u>	<u>MS-ESS2-4, MS-ESS2-5, MS-ESS2-6</u>

Semester 2	Topic 4: <u>Plate Tectonics</u>	Topic 5: <u>Natural Hazards</u>	Topic 6: <u>Cells & Systems</u>
Reporting frequency of topic scores	6 weeks	4 weeks	6 weeks
Approximate beginning and end dates for the topics	1/18 – 3/1	3/04- 4/12	4/15 – 5/24
Specific Pacing			
Standards Aligned	<u>MS-ESS1-4, MS-ESS2-1, MS-ESS2-2, MS-ESS2-3</u>	<u>MS-ESS2-3, MS-PS4-3, MS-ETS1-1, MS-ETS1-2</u>	<u>MS-LSI-I, MS-LSI-2, MS-LSI-3, MS-LSI-8</u>

Standards-Referenced Grading Basics

Our purpose in collecting a body of evidence is to:

- Allow teachers to determine a defensible and credible topic score based on a representation of student learning over time.
- Clearly communicate where a student's learning is based on a topic ٠ scale to inform instructional decisions and push student growth.
- Show student learning of targets through multiple and varying points of data
- Provide opportunities for feedback between student and teacher.

		Score
	Demonstrates proficiency (AT) in all learning targets and success at Level 4	4.0
Start at Level 3 when determining a topic \rightarrow	Demonstrates proficiency (AT) in all learning targets with partial success at Level 4	3.5
50010.	Demonstrates proficiency (AT) in <u>all</u> learning targets	3.0
1	Demonstrates proficiency (AT) in <u>at least half</u> of the learning targets	2.5
	Demonstrates some success criteria (PT) toward <u>all</u> learning targets	2.0
	Demonstrates some success criteria (PT) towards <u>some</u> of the learning targets	1.5
	Does not yet meet minimum criteria for the targets.	1.0
	Produces no evidence appropriate to the learning targets at any level	0

Evidence shows the student ...

Scoring

A collaborative scoring process is encouraged to align expectations of the scale to artifacts collected. Routine use of a collaborative planning and scoring protocol results in calibration and a collective understanding of evidence of mastery. Enough evidence should be collected to accurately represent a progression of student learning as measured by the topic scale. Teachers look at all available evidence to determine a topic score. All topic scores should be defensible and credible through a body of evidence.

***Only scores of 4, 3.5, 3, 2.5, 2, 1.5, 1, and 0 can be entered as Topic Scores.

Multiple Opportunities

Philosophically, there are two forms of multiple opportunities, both of which require backwards design and intentional planning. One form is opportunities planned by the teacher throughout the unit of study and/or throughout the semester. The other form is reassessment of learning which happens after completing assessment of learning at the end of a unit or chunk of learning.

Students will be allowed multiple opportunities to demonstrate proficiency. Teachers need reliable pieces of evidence to be confident students have a good grasp of the learning topics before deciding a final topic score. To make standards-referenced grading work, the idea of "multiple opportunities" is emphasized. If after these opportunities students still have not mastered Level 3, they may then be afforded the chance to reassess.

Guiding Practices of Standards-Referenced Grading

- I. A consistent 4-point grading scale will be used.
- 2. Student achievement and behavior will be reported separately.
- 3. Scores will be based on a body of evidence.
- 4. Achievement will be organized by learning topic and converted to a grade at semester's end.
- 5. Students will have multiple opportunities to demonstrate proficiency.
- 6. Accommodations and modifications will be provided for exceptional learners.

Topic

Anatomy of a Scale-



Unit I: Light & Matter

Unit Narrative from **OpenSciEd**

Driving Question: Why do we sometimes see different things when looking at the same object?

Торіс	Achieving Grade Level (AT)	
When collecting evidence related to these targets, it will be recorded in this topic in Infinite Campus.	The Level 3 Targets are the grade level expectation for students in all classes. Success Criteria are provided below each target.	
Light & Matter	 LTIA- Develop and use a model to describe that path of light are reflected and transmitted through various materials. Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target (success criteria): Identify the components of a system and explain the interactions. Addressed: Lesson I Describe the relationship between the components and how the light interacts with materials. Addressed: Lessons 2 and 3 Modify a model to describe light interaction when given new evidence. Addressed: Lessons 2, 5, 6 and 8 LTIB- Synthesize information that perspective changes based on the amount of light. Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target (success criteria): 	
8/28 – 10/22	 Explain how light changes when it travels through different materials. Addressed: Lessons 3, 4, 6, and 7 Explain how the shape and composition of the lens causes the path of light to change directions (refract) before reaching the retina at the back of the eye. Addressed: Lessons 6 and 8 	

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LTIA Assessment Opportunities Lesson 1: Preassessment Lesson 2: Day 2 – initial models Lesson 5: Models Lesson 7: Explanation of Revised Models Lesson 8: Portraits through Glass	LTIB Assessment Opportunities Lesson 3: Progress Tracker and formatively assessing during investigation Lesson 6: Formatively assess discussion Lesson 8: Portraits through Glass Lesson 8: Explaining New Phenomena			
Consumable and locally sourced materials Review full list of materials here				
 Battery, 9V Battery, AA Index card, 3x5 Sticker dots Sticky note, 3 x 3 Sticky note, 5 x 7 or 6 x 8 Sticky tack Tape, duct Tape, masking Tape, transparent 	 Binder clip Book/block Box cutter Chart paper Highlighter Marker, colored Marker, permanent black Paper, white, 8.5 x 11 Pencil, colored Small toys or objects Yardstick Copies of Lesson 7 Assessment Copies of Lesson 8 Assessment Copies of Lesson 8 Explaining New Phenomena (optional assessment) 			

Unit 2: Thermal Energy

Unit Narrative from **OpenSciEd**

Driving Question: How can containers keep stuff from warming up or cooling down?

Торіс	Achieving Grade Level (AT)	
When collecting evidence related to these targets, it will be recorded in this topic in Infinite Campus.	The Level 3 Targets are the grade level expectations for students in all classes. Success Criteria are provided below each target.	
	LT2A- Develop a model that predicts and describes changes in particle motion, temperature, and state of a pure substance when thermal energy is added or removed.	
	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target (success criteria): Identify the components of a system and explain the interactions. Addressed: Lessons 1, 3, 6 and 14 Describe the relationship between the components and how the waves interact with materials. Addressed: Lessons 1, 3, 6 and 14 	
	LT2B- Plan an investigation to determine the relationships among the energy transferred, type of matter, mass and change in the average kinetic energy of the particles as measured by the temperature of the sample.	
Thermal Energy 8 Weeks	 Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target (success criteria): Plan and carry out investigations to test the different parts of the system, tracking the flow of matter and energy into or out of the system. Addressed: Lessons 2, 4, and 6 Revise models to include factors that minimize energy transfer by reducing the absorption of light and decreasing the opportunities for particle collisions. Addressed: Lessons 3, 5, 6 and 8 	
10/26 – 11/21	LT2C- Construct arguments to support the claim that when the motion of an object changes, energy is transferred to or from the object.	
	 Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target (success criteria): Make a claim based on a phenomenon that when kinetic energy of an object changes, energy is transferred. Addressed: Lessons 5, 6, 10, 14 and 18 Describe evidence and provide reasoning for how it supports the claim. Addressed: Lessons 5, 6, 10, 14 and 18 	
	LT2D- Design, construct, and test a device that minimizes thermal energy transfer.	
	 Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target (success criteria): Apply learning about cup features that can slow energy transfer to design and build, test, and restest a cup system to keep a drink cold. Addressed: Lessons 15-18 	

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LT2A	LT2B	LT2C	LT2D	
Assessment Opportunities	Assessment Opportunities	Assessment Opportunities	Assessment Opportunities	
Lesson 1: Initial model (pre-assessment)	Lesson 2: Task parts 3 and 4	(supports argument development)	Assessment questions 2	
notebook for model	investigation plan	(supports argument development)	Assessment, questions 2	
Lesson 6: Effects of Lid Design	Lesson 6: Effects of Lid Design	Assessment questions 3-5		
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questions 4-6		Lesson 18: Disaster Blanket		
		Assessment, questions I and 3		
	Consumable and loca	lly sourced materials		
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• Straw		Cardboard wrap piece		
 Tape, masking 		Cotton ball		
 Tape, transparent 		 Cup sleeve, cardboard 		
• Butter		Cup, 8 oz., styrene		
Calculator		 Cup, 9 oz, clear plastic 		
• Chart paper		 Cup, 16 oz, paper 		
• Cooler		• Cup, 16 oz, single-wall clear plastic		
Knife		• Felt		
Marker		• Foam sheet		
• Paper towels or tissue, white		Food coloring, liquid		
Pencils, colored		• Glue		
Perfume, scented oil, smelly food item		• Index cards, 3x5		
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Unit 3: Weather, Climate & Water Cycling

Topic Narrative from **OpenSciEd**

Driving Question: How does a lot of hail, rain, or snow fall at some times and not others?

Торіс	Achieving Grade Level (AT)
When collecting evidence related to these targets, it will be recorded in this topic in Infinite Campus.	The Level 3 Targets are the grade level expectation for students in all classes. Success Criteria are provided below each target.
	LT3A- Analyze data to construct a claim for how the motions and complex interactions of air masses result in changes in weather conditions.
Weather, Climate, & Water Cycling 6 Weeks 11/27-1/12	 Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target (success criteria): Collect and analyze data to identify ground and surface air temperature patterns. Addressed: Lessons 2, 3 and 4 Construct a claim using data on the movement of air and its effects on the weather. Addressed: Lessons 2, 3, 4 and 5 LT3B- Develop a model to describe the unobservable mechanisms that drive the cycling of energy through Earth's systems. Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target (success criteria): Explain how characteristics of surface materials impact energy flowing into and out of the atmospheric gases (including water vapor). Addressed: Lessons 7, 8 and 12 Model how atmospheric gases (including water vapor) experience energy flows shown in temperature changes affecting phase change, density and motions of air parcels. Addressed: Lessons 7, 8, 10 and 13
	 LT3C- Construct an explanation about the patterns that cause change in weather based on the transfer of energy. Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target (success criteria): Explain mechanisms which drive weather system patterns in temperature, precipitation, and air movement. Addressed: Lessons 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 Diagram cause and effect relationships of energy to land, oceans and air creating change in weather. Addressed: Lessons 8, 10 and 12

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LT3A Assessment Opportunities Lesson 2: Day I – Exit Ticket Lesson 3: Progress Tracker Lesson 4: Sunlight and Temperature Investigation Lesson 5: Progress Tracker Lesson 6: Explaining the Movement of Air in a Hailstorm	LT3B Assessment Opportunities Lesson 7: Day I Exit Ticket Lesson 7: Feedback on their models using Model for How Water gets back into Air Lesson 8: Progress Tracker Lesson 10: Simulation Revision Lesson 11: Progress Tracker Lesson 13: Hurricane Assessment		LT3C Assessment Opportunities Lesson 9: Exploring an Anchoring Phenomenon Lesson 10: End of Day 2 Explanation Lesson 12: Explaining Convection in the Air Outside Lesson 12: Progress Tracker Lesson 13: Hurricane Assessment	
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Unit 4: Plate Tectonics & Rocky Cycling

Unit Narrative from **OpenSciEd**

Driving Question: What causes Earth's surface to change?

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When collecting evidence related to these targets, it will be recorded in this topic in Infinite Campus.	The Level 3 Targets are the grade-level expectations for students in all classes. Success Criteria are provided below each target.	
	LT4A- Construct an explanation based on evidence for how geoscience processes have changed Earth's surface at varying time and spatial scales.	
	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target (success criteria): Analyze multiple sources of data and information over multiple scales to identify patterns. Addressed: Lessons 4, 5 and 8 Develop a model to show how plates interact with one another over time to form landforms. Addressed: Lessons 1, 2, 6 and 11 	
LT4B- Develop a model to describe the cycling of Earth's materials and the flow of energy that drives this process.		
Plate Tectonics & Rock Cycling 6 Weeks	 Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target (success criteria): Describe the impact of erosional forces and their energy source on Earth's surface and the cycling of materials. Addressed: Lessons 8 and 9 Describe how materials are cycled in Earth's interior and connections to surface processes. Addressed: Lessons 3, 4 and 9 	
1/10 - 3/1	LT4C- Analyze and interpret data on the distribution of fossils and rocks, continental shapes, and seafloor structures to provide evidence of the past plate motions.	
	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target (success criteria):	
	Analyze data from plate movement data to describe what is happening on the seafloor. Addressed: Lessons 10	
	 Analyze interactions in land masses to determine what is happening to the seafloor and plates near trenches. Addressed: Lessons 7, 11 and 12 	
	Explain patterns across continents based upon rocks, fossils, land and water patterns. Addressed: Lessons 13	

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LT4A Assessment Opportunities Lesson 6: Models and explanation on day 3 Lesson II: Create a Map that Represents a Claim Lesson I4: Fossil Assessment	LT4B Assessment Opportunities Lesson 3: Progress Tracker Lesson 8: Progress Tracker Lesson 13: Erosion Rates vs Uplift Rates Lesson 14: Fossil Assessment	LT4C Assessment Opportunities Lesson 10: Exit Ticket Lesson 11: Create a Map that Represents a Claim Lesson 13: Erosion Rates vs Uplift Rates Lesson 14: Fossil Assessment
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Unit 5: Natural Hazards

Topic Narrative from **OpenSciEd**

Driving Question: Where do natural hazards happen and how do we prepare for them?

Торіс	Achieving Grade Level (AT)	
When collecting evidence related to these targets, it will be recorded in this topic in Infinite Campus.	The Level 3 Targets are the grade-level expectations for students in all classes. Success Criteria are provided below each target.	
Natural Hazards 4 Weeks 3/04 - 4/12	 LT5A- Construct an explanation that predicts which communities are most at risk for damage because of a sudden change. Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target (success criteria): Investigate data, videos, simulations, and models to communicate where and when natural disasters occur. Addressed: Lessons 1, 2, 3 and 4 Investigate data, videos, simulations, and models to describe how natural hazards move. Addressed: Lessons 1, 2, 3 and 4 Use historical data on natural hazards to interpret general patterns of risk for different locations. Addressed: Lessons 1, 2, 3 and 4 LT5B- Evaluate competing design solutions using a systematic process to determine how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the problem. Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target (success criteria): Define the problem. Addressed: Lessons 5 Identify criteria and constraints of the problem. communities and stakeholder groups. Addressed: Lessons 5, 6 and 7 Evaluate structure design solutions to determine how well they meet the criteria and constraints. Addressed: Lessons 5 and 7 	
	 LT5C- Develop a communication plan for a hazard to prepare a community. Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target (success criteria): Assess the hazard risk. Addressed: Lessons 9 and 10 Identify critical information about how hazards form, move and impact communities. Addressed: Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, and 10 Identify methods to detect, warn communities, and reduce damage. Addressed: Lessons 7, 9 and 10 Describe how communities can prepare for, respond during, and recover after a hazard. Addressed: Lessons 7, 9 and 10 	

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LT5A	LT5B	LT5C		
Assessment Opportunities	Assessment Opportunities	Assessment Opportunities		
Lesson 2: Consensus Discussion	Lesson 5: Scientist Circle Discussion	Lesson 10: Assessing Hazard Risk		
Lesson 3: Monitor discussions	Lesson 7: Part 3 of Community Stakeholders	Lesson IO: Determining Stakeholders Needs		
-esson 4: Explaining and Forecasting Tsunami Risk	Lesson 7: Formatively Assess the Evaluation Matrix	Lesson IU: Hazard Communication Planning		
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Unit 6: Cells & Systems

Unit Narrative from **OpenSciEd**

Driving Question: How do living things heal?

Торіс	Achieving Grade Level (AT)	
When collecting evidence related to these targets, it will be recorded in this topic in Infinite Campus.	The Level 3 Targets are the grade level expectation for students in all classes. Success Criteria are provided below each target.	
Cells & Systems 6 weeks 4/15 – 5/24	LT6A- Plan an investigation to provide evidence that not all things are made of cells. Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target: Investigate and collect information on the microscopic structures of living things. Addressed: Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10 Compare and contrast structures in unicellular and multicellular organisms. Addressed: Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10 Construct an argument using evidence from the microscopic scale that all things are not made of cells. Addressed: Lessons 4, 5, 6 and 7 LT6B- Describe the function of a cell and ways parts of cells contribute to the function using models. Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target: Identify patterns in the microscopic structures of living things. Addressed: Lessons 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 Analyze data on microscopic structures of living things. Addressed: Lessons 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 Describe the healing process using models. Addressed: Lessons 5, 8, and 12 Construct an explanation to show that the structure of cell membranes and cell walls (tiny openings) let certain things in and out of cells (function). Addressed: Lesson 11 LT6C- Construct and argument using evidence for how the body is a system of interacting subsystems composed of groups of cells. Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target: Obtain information about the structure and function and interactions between and within systems in the human body. Addressed: Lessons 5, 8, 9, and 10 C	

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