

**SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
SEQUENCE**

GRADE 7	SCIENCE 7	FULL YEAR	DAILY	REQUIRED
GRADE 8	EARTH SCIENCE 8	FULL YEAR	DAILY	REQUIRED
GRADE 9	PHYSICAL SCIENCE HONORS PHYSICAL SCIENCE	FULL YEAR FULL YEAR	DAILY DAILY	REQUIRED REQUIRED
GRADE 10	BIOLOGY HONORS BIOLOGY	FULL YEAR FULL YEAR	DAILY DAILY	REQUIRED REQUIRED
GRADE 11	PHYSICS ECOLOGY ANAT/PHYSIOLOGY CHEMISTRY	FULL YEAR FULL YEAR FULL YEAR FULL YEAR	DAILY DAILY DAILY DAILY	ELECTIVE ELECTIVE ELECTIVE ELECTIVE
GRADE 12	PHYSICS CHEMISTRY ECOLOGY ANAT/PHYSIOLOGY	FULL YEAR FULL YEAR FULL YEAR FULL YEAR	DAILY DAILY DAILY DAILY	ELECTIVE ELECTIVE ELECTIVE ELECTIVE

State rules stipulate all students must complete three years of science to graduate from high school; Four-year college/universities also require three years of science for admittance.

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PHILOSOPHY

The study of science involves the student in the process of discovery, problem solving, and the analysis of experimental data. A knowledge of science will allow the student to make informed choices in the care and use of world resources.

STANDARDS

THE STUDENT WILL:

- 1) Demonstrate the ability to gather, analyze, and synthesize information from laboratory work, field experience, and media resources.
- 2) Apply the scientific method or other accepted problem solving technique to pose questions, and generate and test possible solutions based on the collected data.
- 3) Utilize scientific knowledge and ideas as they apply to real world situations.
- 4) Think critically and logically to identify relationships between evidence and explanations.
- 5) Understand and evaluate the impact of science and technology on ethical issues and moral values and their reciprocal relationship.
- 6) Demonstrate the ability to use technology and mathematics appropriate to the task.

CAREERS IN THE SCIENCE FIELD:

Agriculturalist
Astronomer
Audiologist
Biochemist
Biologist
Biomedical Engineer
Chemist
Dietitian
DNR Officer
Engineer
Environmentalist
Farmer
Physician

Geologist
Horticulturalist
Hydrologist
Laboratory Technician
Mechanic
Medical Technician
Meteorologist
Nurse
Optometrist
Park Ranger
Pharmacist
Physical Therapist
Physicist

Podiatrist
Professor
Radiologist
Respiratory Therapist
Surveyor
Teacher
Technical Writer
Veterinarian
X-ray Technician
Water Plant Operator
Geneticist
Fishery Biologist
Forester

NUMBER:	721/722	TITLE:	PHYSICAL SCIENCE
GRADE(S):	9	MEETING TIME:	DAILY
LENGTH:	YEAR	CREDIT:	5 per semester

COURSE SUMMARY:

The students will increase their knowledge and skills in algebra, the scientific method, problem solving, critical thinking, standard measurements, conversions, and graphing, and learn how to apply these to the world outside the classroom.

Areas of study from physics will include:

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| 1. Projectile motion | 4. Energy and waves (sound and light) |
| 2. Forces | 5. Simple Machines |
| 3. Laws of motion | |

Areas of study from chemistry will include:

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| 1. Properties of matter | 5. Use and understanding of the periodic table |
| 2. Behavior of elements | 6. Energy (quantum) theory |
| 3. Reactions | 7. Acids, bases, and salts |
| 4. Solutions | 8. Basic stoichiometry and balancing equations |

NUMBER:	723/724	TITLE:	HONORS PHYSICAL SCIENCE
GRADE:	9	MEETING TIME:	DAILY
LENGTH	YEAR	CREDIT	5 per semester

GUIDELINE: Honors guidelines apply

COURSE SUMMARY

Students will increase their knowledge and skills in algebra, the scientific method, problem solving, critical thinking, standard measurements, conversions, and graphing, and learn how to apply these to the world outside the classroom.

Topics in Honors Physical Science will be covered at a more rigorous pace, in more detail, and with less in-class repetition of factual information than in the other physical science course. Communication of scientific ideas, higher order thinking, and experimental design will be stressed.

Areas of study from physics will include:

1. Projectile motion
2. Forces
3. Laws of motion
4. Energy and waves (sound and light)
5. Simple machines

Areas of study from chemistry will include:

1. Properties of matter
2. Behavior of elements
3. Reactions
4. Solutions
5. Understanding of the periodic table
6. Energy (quantum) theory
7. Acids, bases, and salts
8. Stoichiometry and balancing equations

NUMBER:	731/732	TITLE:	BIOLOGY
GRADE(S):	10	MEETING TIME:	DAILY
LENGTH:	YEAR	CREDIT:	5 per semester

COURSE SUMMARY: The student will:

1. Identify external and internal structures of a variety of organisms and relate structure to function.
2. Discuss how organisms take in, use and store energy.
3. Examine reproduction and the passing of traits at the cellular level.
4. Solve genetic problems using the principles of heredity.
5. Analyze current uses of biotechnology and identify moral and ethical arguments regarding controversial issues.
6. Analyze the interdependence of organisms within ecosystems and their dependency on the environment.
7. Identify and evaluate evolutionary processes by creating a variety of student artifacts.
8. Investigate and communicate results of scientific inquiries.

Biology provides students with the opportunity to examine organisms of various levels of complexity, anatomy and physiology of higher plants and animals (including humans), genetics, evolution, adaptations and development.

NUMBER:	743/744	TITLE:	HONORS BIOLOGY
GRADE(S):	10	MEETING TIME:	DAILY
LENGTH:	YEAR	CREDIT:	5 per semester

GUIDELINE: Honors guidelines apply

COURSE SUMMARY: The student will:

1. Identify internal and external structures of organisms from all kingdoms and understand how their structures relate to their functions.
2. Demonstrate and discuss energy production, use, and storage in living organisms.
3. Examine reproduction and the passing of traits at the cellular level.
4. Solve genetic problems using the principles of heredity.
5. Analyze current uses of biotechnology and identify moral and ethical arguments regarding controversial issues.
6. Analyze the relationships between organisms in an ecosystem, and their interdependency with their environment.
7. Compare, contrast, and evaluate evolutionary processes.
8. Design, investigate, and communicate the results of scientific inquiries.

Topics in Honors Biology will be covered at a more rigorous pace and in more detail and with less in-class repetition of factual information than in the other biology course. Acquisition and communication of scientific information is carried out using a variety of technological tools. Communication, research, and higher order thinking skills are stressed through the design and implementation of a personal research project.

NUMBER:	771/772	TITLE:	ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY
GRADE(S):	11,12	MEETING TIME:	DAILY
LENGTH:	YEAR	CREDIT:	5 per semester

ELECTIVE

COURSE SUMMARY: This introduction to Anatomy and Physiology consists of an overview of the systems of the human body at the cellular, organ and whole body levels, with comparisons to animal biology.

The student will be expected to:

1. Utilize accepted terminology.
2. Understand fundamental concepts of the anatomy and physiology of the human.
3. Develop the ability to apply concepts in lab situations and in daily life.

Anatomy and Physiology consists of an overview of the systems of the human body. The class will include projects and labs and emphasize the practical application of this knowledge to facilitate communication with health care professionals and to evaluate consumer health claims. Students will be required to observe and participate in dissections of animal specimens.

Anyone interested in learning about the structure of his or her body and how it works should consider this class.

GUIDELINE: Successful completion of Biology

NUMBER:	781/782	TITLE:	PHYSICS
GRADE(S):	11,12	MEETING TIME:	DAILY
LENGTH:	YEAR	CREDIT:	5 per semester

ELECTIVE:

COURSE SUMMARY:

The student will use variables, algebra, graphs, logic and problem solving skills to explore and understand:

1. Kinematics
2. Forces in one and two dimensions
3. Projectile motion
4. Circular motion
5. Gravitational motion/Astronomy
6. Impulse and momentum
7. Rotational motion
8. Simple Machines

Students completing this course will be capable of applying physics concepts to everyday problems and using mathematical formulas to solve one-variable equations. Laboratory experiences will be designed to give students an opportunity to develop problem solving and critical thinking skills, as applied to real world situations.