ACADEMIC GOAL

I. Curriculum Area

Science

II. Courses

Biology

6200 - Biology

6201 - Biology Honors

6202-Biology Lab

6203 – Applied Biology

6230 - AP Biology

6240 - IBHL Biology 1

6241-IBHL Biology 2

6256- Human Biology

6903- EE Biology

6950- CE Biology

6951- CE Biology Lab

Chemistry

6400- Chemistry

6401- H Chemistry

6402- Lab Chemistry

6430- AP Chemistry

6440- CE 1010 Chemistry

6952- CE 1010 Lab Chemistry

6450- CE 1110 Chemistry

6451- CE 110 Lab Chemistry 6460-

CE 1120 Chemistry

6461- CE 1120 Lab Chemistry

6470-IBSL Chemistry 1

6471– IBSL Chemistry 2

6480- Organic Chemistry

6904- EE Chemistry

Earth

6300 – Earth Science

6301 - Earth Science Honors

6304- Applied Earth Science

6902- EE Earth

Physics

6500 - Physics

6501- H Physics

6502 - Conceptual Physics

6510- IB Conceptual Physics

6512- IBSL Physics

6530- AP Physics 1 Algebra

6531- AP Physics 2 Algebra

6532- AP Physics C Mechanics

6533- AP Physics C Electricity

6540- CE Physics

6530- AP Physics 1

6531- AP Physics 2

6540 – CE Physics

6905- EE Physics

Electives

6250- Wildlife Biology

6252- Microbiology

6254- Ecology

6258- Human Physiology

6260- Genetics

6262- Zoology

6264 – Marine Biology

6265- ADV Marine Biology

6266- Aquaculture

6267-Botany

6268- Honors Botany

6269- Botany 2

6270- Ornithology

6271- ADV Ornithology

6272- Forensics

6273-Food Science

6310- Lab Science 9

6320-Geology

6322- Environmental Science

Electives Cont.

6323- Advanced Environmental

Science

6324- Meteorology

6326- Astronomy

6327- Astronomy 2

6330- AP Environmental

Science

6600- Hacking STEM

6602- Hacking STEM 2

6609- STEM Explorations

6610- Science Investigations

MHS

6630- Science Olympiad

III. Goal Summary Statement

Students in all 9th through 12th grade science courses will demonstrate measurable progress in carrying out scientific investigations. They will design and conduct controlled experiments to test their hypothesis and then communicate significant components of their experimental design and results including the connection between evidence and conclusion.

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IV. Full Goal Description

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- form research questions and testable hypotheses;
- discuss possible outcomes of investigations;
- predict results of investigations based upon prior data;
- identify variables and describe the relationships between them;
- plan procedures to control independent variable(s);
- collect data on the dependent variable(s);
- select appropriate format and use it to summarize the data obtained;
- analyze data, check it for accuracy, and construct reasonable conclusions;
- and communicate the results of their investigations.

In order to demonstrate measurable progress, students will need to plan and conduct a minimum of two content-appropriate scientific investigations during the course of the school year. This may require scaffolding and differentiated instruction. To assess these scientific investigations, educators may utilize the Davis Science Processing Rubric or an educator-designed assessment tool. Students should be assessed on all of these science process and thinking skills; however, they do not necessarily need to be assessed simultaneously.

V. Connection to DESK Standards

The goal of science education is to provide experiences with concepts that students can explore and understand in depth to build a foundation for future science exploration and investigation of phenomena. Science encourages students to gain knowledge through scientific processing and thinking skills: observing, questioning, exploring, making and testing hypotheses, comparing predictions, evaluating data, and communicating conclusions. The Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs) of the DESK standards describe the skills and attitudes students should learn as a result of science instruction. Educators use the ILOs as the beginning point for planning instruction, where practice of science skills takes place in the context of the DESK standards. Science investigations provide experiences to build from concrete concepts to more abstract understandings, allowing for student growth. Science teaching and learning should encourage students working in cooperative groups and connect lessons with students' daily lives. This requires continuous practice and use of inquiry based instruction by the teacher and the student. The intended learning outcomes develop and build from kindergarten to 12th grade and beyond.

VI. Assessment Tool/Rubric/Evidence

There should be at least a pre- and post-assessment of the goal. It is recommended that the pre-assessment will be performed during the first semester and the post-assessment during the second semester.

-See attached rubric