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A. Apply knowledge and understanding about the nature of scientific and technological knowledge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compare and contrast scientific theories and beliefs.</li> <li>• Know that science uses both direct and indirect observation means to study the world and universe</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct Instruction</li> <li>• Partner Work</li> <li>• Group Work</li> <li>• Lab Work</li> <li>• Study Skills</li> <li>• Demonstrations (chemical)</li> <li>• Movie Clips</li> <li>• Graphing/ Analysis</li> <li>• Computer Projects</li> <li>• Cooperative Learning</li> <li>• Guided/ Paired/ independent Reading</li> <li>• Brainstorming</li> <li>• Class discussions</li> <li>• Note guides</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook/ Supplements</li> <li>• Transparencies</li> <li>• Lab Manual Diagrams</li> <li>• Periodic Table</li> <li>• Calculators</li> <li>• Handouts Lab Equipment</li> <li>• Measuring Devices</li> <li>• Computer (classroom)</li> <li>• Computer (lab)</li> <li>• Excel</li> <li>• Testing Kits/materials</li> <li>• Internet</li> <li>• Magazines and Journals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher Observation</li> <li>• Tests</li> <li>• Quizzes</li> <li>• Problem Solving</li> <li>• In-Class Work</li> <li>• Homework</li> <li>• Lab write-ups</li> <li>• Midterms</li> <li>• Final</li> <li>• Notebook check</li> <li>• Independent Projects</li> <li>• Critical Thinking</li> <li>• Essays</li> <li>• Rubric</li> <li>• Peer Evaluation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and Re-teach</li> <li>• Small Group Instructions</li> <li>• Access to Learning Support Teachers</li> <li>• Adapted Lessons</li> <li>• Extended Time</li> <li>• Tutoring</li> <li>• Technology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Reading</li> <li>• Science Competition</li> <li>• Science Fairs</li> <li>• Independent Projects</li> <li>• Field Trips</li> <li>• Science Clubs</li> <li>• Summer Assignments</li> <li>• Internships</li> <li>• Science Honors Institute</li> <li>• Shadowing Programs</li> </ul>

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B. Apply process knowledge and organize scientific and technological phenomena in varied ways.  Evaluate experimental information for appropriateness and adherence to relevant science processes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop appropriate scientific experiments: raising questions, formulating hypotheses, testing, controlled experiments, recognizing variables, manipulating variables, interpreting data, and producing solutions.</li> <li>• Use process skills to make inferences and predictions using collected information and to communicate, using space/time relationships, defining operationally.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct Instruction</li> <li>• Partner Work</li> <li>• Group Work</li> <li>• Lab Work</li> <li>• Study Skills</li> <li>• Demonstrations (chemical)</li> <li>• Movie Clips</li> <li>• Graphing/ Analysis</li> <li>• Computer Projects</li> <li>• Cooperative Learning</li> <li>• Guided/ Paired/ independent Reading</li> <li>• Brainstorming</li> <li>• Class discussions</li> <li>• Note guides</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook/ Supplements</li> <li>• Transparencies</li> <li>• Lab Manual Diagrams</li> <li>• Periodic Table</li> <li>• Calculators</li> <li>• Handouts Lab Equipment</li> <li>• Measuring Devices</li> <li>• Computer (classroom)</li> <li>• Computer (lab)</li> <li>• Excel</li> <li>• Testing Kits/materials</li> <li>• Internet</li> <li>• Magazines and Journals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher Observation</li> <li>• Tests</li> <li>• Quizzes</li> <li>• Problem Solving</li> <li>• In-Class Work</li> <li>• Homework</li> <li>• Lab write-ups</li> <li>• Midterms</li> <li>• Final</li> <li>• Notebook check</li> <li>• Independent Projects</li> <li>• Critical Thinking</li> <li>• Case Studies</li> <li>• Essays</li> <li>• Rubric</li> <li>• Peer Evaluation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and Re-teach</li> <li>• Small Group Instructions</li> <li>• Access to Learning Support Teachers</li> <li>• Adapted Lessons</li> <li>• Extended Time</li> <li>• Tutoring</li> <li>• Technology</li> <li>• Extended Time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Reading</li> <li>• Science Competition</li> <li>• Science Fairs</li> <li>• Independent Projects</li> <li>• Field Trips</li> <li>• Science Clubs</li> <li>• Summer Assignments</li> <li>• Internships</li> <li>• Science Honors Institute</li> <li>• Shadowing Programs</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Evaluate experimental data correctly within experimental limits.</li> <li>•Judge that conclusions are consistent and logical with experimental conditions.</li> <li>•Interpret results of experimental research to predict new information or improve a solution.</li> </ul>					

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C. Apply the elements of scientific inquiry to solve multi-step problems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluate the significance of experimental information in answering the question.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct Instruction</li> <li>• Partner Work</li> <li>• Group Work</li> <li>• Lab Work</li> <li>• Study Skills</li> <li>• Demonstrations (chemical)</li> <li>• Movie Clips</li> <li>• Graphing/ Analysis</li> <li>• Computer Projects</li> <li>• Cooperative Learning</li> <li>• Guided/ Paired/ independent Reading</li> <li>• Brainstorming</li> <li>• Class discussions</li> <li>• Note guides</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook/ Supplements</li> <li>• Transparencies</li> <li>• Lab Manual Diagrams</li> <li>• Periodic Table</li> <li>• Calculators</li> <li>• Handouts Lab Equipment</li> <li>• Measuring Devices</li> <li>• Computer (classroom)</li> <li>• Computer (lab)</li> <li>• Excel</li> <li>• Testing Kits/materials</li> <li>• Internet</li> <li>• Magazines and Journals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher Observation</li> <li>• Tests</li> <li>• Quizzes</li> <li>• Problem Solving</li> <li>• In-Class Work</li> <li>• Homework</li> <li>• Lab write-ups</li> <li>• Midterms</li> <li>• Final</li> <li>• Notebook check</li> <li>• Independent Projects</li> <li>• Critical Thinking</li> <li>• Case Studies</li> <li>• Essays</li> <li>• Rubric</li> <li>• Peer Evaluation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and Re-teach</li> <li>• Small Group Instructions</li> <li>• Access to Learning Support Teachers</li> <li>• Adapted Lessons</li> <li>• Extended Time</li> <li>• Tutoring</li> <li>• Technology</li> <li>• Extended Time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Reading</li> <li>• Science Competition</li> <li>• Science Fairs</li> <li>• Independent Projects</li> <li>• Field Trips</li> <li>• Science Clubs</li> <li>• Summer Assignments</li> <li>• Internships</li> <li>• Science Honors Institute</li> <li>• Shadowing Programs</li> </ul>

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D. Identify and apply the technological design process to solve problems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propose and analyze a solution.</li> <li>• Implement the solution.</li> <li>• Evaluate the solution, test, redesign, and improve as necessary.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct Instruction</li> <li>• Partner Work</li> <li>• Group Work</li> <li>• Lab Work</li> <li>• Study Skills</li> <li>• Demonstrations (chemical)</li> <li>• Movie Clips</li> <li>• Graphing/ Analysis</li> <li>• Computer Projects</li> <li>• Cooperative Learning</li> <li>• Guided/ Paired/ independent Reading</li> <li>• Brainstorming</li> <li>• Class discussions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook/ Supplements</li> <li>• Transparencies</li> <li>• Lab Manual Diagrams</li> <li>• Periodic Table</li> <li>• Calculators</li> <li>• Handouts Lab Equipment</li> <li>• Measuring Devices</li> <li>• Computer (classroom)</li> <li>• Computer (lab)</li> <li>• Excel</li> <li>• Testing Kits/materials</li> <li>• Internet</li> <li>• Magazines and Journals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher Observation</li> <li>• Tests</li> <li>• Quizzes</li> <li>• Problem Solving</li> <li>• In-Class Work</li> <li>• Homework</li> <li>• Lab write-ups</li> <li>• Midterms</li> <li>• Final</li> <li>• Notebook check</li> <li>• Independent Projects</li> <li>• Critical Thinking</li> <li>• Case Studies</li> <li>• Essays</li> <li>• Rubric</li> <li>• Peer Evaluation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and Re-teach</li> <li>• Small Group Instructions</li> <li>• Access to Learning Support Teachers</li> <li>• Adapted Lessons</li> <li>• Extended Time</li> <li>• Tutoring</li> <li>• Technology</li> <li>• Extended Time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Reading</li> <li>• Science Competition</li> <li>• Science Fairs</li> <li>• Independent Projects</li> <li>• Field Trips</li> <li>• Science Clubs</li> <li>• Summer Assignments</li> <li>• Internships</li> <li>• Science Honors Institute</li> <li>• Shadowing Programs</li> </ul>

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<b>3.4 Physical Science, Chemistry and Physics</b>						
<b>A. Explain concepts about the structure and properties of matter.</b>  Apply concepts about the structure and properties of matter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Predict the behavior of gases through the use of Boyle’s, Charles, or the ideal gas law, in everyday situations.</li> <li>Apply rules of systematic nomenclature and formula writing to chemical substances.</li> <li>Explain how the forces that bind solids, liquids and gases affect their properties.</li> <li>Quantify the properties of matter (e.g., density, solubility coefficients) by applying mathematical formulas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Direct Instruction</li> <li>Partner Work</li> <li>Group Work</li> <li>Lab Work</li> <li>Study Skills</li> <li>Demonstrations (chemical)</li> <li>Movie Clips</li> <li>Graphing/ Analysis</li> <li>Computer Projects</li> <li>Cooperative Learning</li> <li>Guided/ Paired/ independent Reading</li> <li>Brainstorming</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Textbook/ Supplements</li> <li>Transparencies</li> <li>Lab Manual Diagrams</li> <li>Periodic Table</li> <li>Calculators</li> <li>Handouts Lab Equipment</li> <li>Measuring Devices</li> <li>Computer (classroom)</li> <li>Computer (lab)</li> <li>Excel</li> <li>Testing Kits/materials</li> <li>Internet</li> <li>Magazines and Journals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher Observation</li> <li>Tests</li> <li>Quizzes</li> <li>Problem Solving</li> <li>In-Class Work</li> <li>Homework</li> <li>Lab write-ups</li> <li>Midterms</li> <li>Final</li> <li>Notebook check</li> <li>Independent Projects</li> <li>Critical Thinking</li> <li>Case Studies</li> <li>Essays</li> <li>Rubric</li> <li>Peer Evaluation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and Re-teach</li> <li>Small Group Instructions</li> <li>Access to Learning Support Teachers</li> <li>Adapted Lessons</li> <li>Extended Time</li> <li>Tutoring</li> <li>Technology</li> <li>Extended Time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional Reading</li> <li>Science Competition</li> <li>Science Fairs</li> <li>Independent Projects</li> <li>Field Trips</li> <li>Science Clubs</li> <li>Summer Assignments</li> <li>Internships</li> <li>Science Honors Institute</li> <li>Shadowing Programs</li> </ul>

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<b>B. Analyze energy sources and transfers of heat.</b>  Apply and analyze energy sources and conversions and their relationship to heat and temperature.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use knowledge of conservation of energy and momentum to explain common phenomena (e.g., refrigeration system, rocket propulsion).</li> <li>• Explain resistance, current and electro-motive force (Ohm's Law).</li> <li>• Evaluate mathematical formulas that calculate the efficiency of specific chemical and mechanical systems.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct Instruction</li> <li>• Partner Work</li> <li>• Group Work</li> <li>• Lab Work</li> <li>• Study Skills</li> <li>• Demonstrations (chemical)</li> <li>• Movie Clips</li> <li>• Graphing/ Analysis</li> <li>• Computer Projects</li> <li>• Cooperative Learning</li> <li>• Guided/Paired/ independent Reading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook/ Supplements</li> <li>• Transparencies</li> <li>• Lab Manual Diagrams</li> <li>• Periodic Table</li> <li>• Calculators</li> <li>• Handouts Lab Equipment</li> <li>• Measuring Devices</li> <li>• Computer (classroom)</li> <li>• Computer (lab)</li> <li>• Excel</li> <li>• Testing Kits/materials</li> <li>• Internet</li> <li>• Magazines and Journals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher Observation</li> <li>• Tests</li> <li>• Quizzes</li> <li>• Problem Solving</li> <li>• In-Class Work</li> <li>• Homework</li> <li>• Lab write-ups</li> <li>• Midterms</li> <li>• Final</li> <li>• Notebook check</li> <li>• Independent Projects</li> <li>• Research Papers</li> <li>• Critical Thinking</li> <li>• Case Studies</li> <li>• Essays</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and Re-teach</li> <li>• Small Group Instructions</li> <li>• Access to Learning Support Teachers</li> <li>• Adapted Lessons</li> <li>• Extended Time</li> <li>• Tutoring</li> <li>• Technology</li> <li>• Extended Time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Reading</li> <li>• Science Competition</li> <li>• Science Fairs</li> <li>• Independent Projects</li> <li>• Field Trips</li> <li>• Science Clubs</li> <li>• Summer Assignments</li> <li>• Internships</li> <li>• Science Honors Institute</li> <li>• Shadowing Programs</li> </ul>

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<b>C. Distinguish among the principles of force and motion.</b>  Apply the principles of motion and force.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify elements of simple machines in compound machines.</li> <li>• Describe sound effects (e.g., Doppler effect, amplitude, frequency, reflection, refraction, absorption, sonar, seismic).</li> <li>• Evaluate wave properties of frequency, wavelength, and speed as applied to sound and light through different media.</li> <li>• Analyze the principles of translational motion, velocity, and acceleration as they relate to free fall</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct Instruction</li> <li>• Partner Work</li> <li>• Group Work</li> <li>• Lab Work</li> <li>• Study Skills</li> <li>• Demonstrations (chemical)</li> <li>• Movie Clips</li> <li>• Graphing/ Analysis</li> <li>• Computer Projects</li> <li>• Cooperative Learning</li> <li>• Guided/ Paired/ independent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook/ Supplements</li> <li>• Transparencies</li> <li>• Lab Manual Diagrams</li> <li>• Periodic Table</li> <li>• Calculators</li> <li>• Handouts Lab Equipment</li> <li>• Measuring Devices</li> <li>• Computer (classroom)</li> <li>• Computer (lab)</li> <li>• Excel</li> <li>• Testing Kits/materials</li> <li>• Internet</li> <li>• Magazines and Journals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher Observation</li> <li>• Tests</li> <li>• Quizzes</li> <li>• Problem Solving</li> <li>• In-Class Work</li> <li>• Homework</li> <li>• Lab write-ups</li> <li>• Midterms</li> <li>• Final</li> <li>• Notebook check</li> <li>• Independent Projects</li> <li>• Research Papers</li> <li>• Critical Thinking</li> <li>• Case Studies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and Re-teach</li> <li>• Small Group Instructions</li> <li>• Access to Learning Support Teachers</li> <li>• Adapted Lessons</li> <li>• Extended Time</li> <li>• Tutoring</li> <li>• Technology</li> <li>• Extended Time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Reading</li> <li>• Science Competition</li> <li>• Science Fairs</li> <li>• Independent Projects</li> <li>• Field Trips</li> <li>• Science Clubs</li> <li>• Summer Assignments</li> <li>• Internships</li> <li>• Science Honors Institute</li> <li>• Shadowing Programs</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe and measure the motion of sound, light and other objects.</li> <li>Know Newton's laws of motion (including inertia, action, and reaction) and gravity and apply them to solve problems related to forces and mass.</li> <li>Determine the efficiency of mechanical systems by applying mathematical formulas.</li> <li>Interpret a model that illustrates circular motion and acceleration.</li> </ul>					

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