

CROCUS PLAINS REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL COURSE OUTLINE AND ASSESSMENT GUIDE

Course Name: Science 20F

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Course Description: A general science course that covers the areas of physics (*In Motion*), chemistry (Chemistry in Action), biology (Dynamics of Ecosystems), earth/space science (Weather Dynamics). The goal of this science course is to expose the student to a wide variety of science issues and topics in a meaningful and challenging way.

Text/Other Resources: Nelson Science 10 Units of Study

Unit Title	Essential Outcomes	Assessment Plan	Proposed Time (Based on ~ 75 school days)
Dynamics of Ecosystems	 How do nutrients get recycled in an ecosystem? What factors disrupt these biogeochemical cycles? What is bioaccumulation & what is its impact on the food chain? What is the carrying capacity of an ecosystem? What factors limit population growth? How would a graph of population growth look? What happens if we introduce a new species into an ecosystem? What happens if a species goes extinct? What is biodiversity and where do we find it? How does biodiversity contribute to sustainability? How do human activities affect the ecosystem? 	Formative Assessment Assessment may include: - Homework checks - Observation - Worksheets - Demos - Journals - Discussions - Etc. Summative Assessment Assessment may include: - Quizzes - Tests - Projects - Labs	Approximately 3-4 Weeks

Chemistry in Action	How do elements bond	Formative Assessment	Approximately
together? 2. How do we name & write formulas for compounds (ionic and covalent)? 3. What is the law of conservation of mass? 4. How do we balance chemical reactions? 5. How do we classify chemical reactions?	Formative Assessment Assessment may include: - Homework checks - Observation - Worksheets - Demos - Journals	Approximately 3-4 Weeks	
	chemical reactions? 6. What are the properties of acids and bases? 7. How do we use acids and bases? 8. What is neutralization? 9. How is air pollution formed and how does it affect the environment? 10. How can we reduce air	- Discussions - Etc. Summative Assessment Assessment may include: - Quizzes - Tests - Projects - Labs	
In Motion	 How do we calculate and graph velocity using displacement and time? How is acceleration related to velocity and time? What is uniform motion? What events in history led us to the concept of force and natural motion? What is inertia? How is force related to motion? What is Newton's Third Law? What are momentum and impulse? What happens, in terms of energy, in a car crash? What effect does friction have on motion? What influences braking distance in a car? How can we calculate braking distance? What conditions affect 	Formative Assessment Assessment may include: - Homework checks - Observation - Worksheets - Demos - Journals - Discussions - Etc. Summative Assessment Assessment may include: - Quizzes - Tests - Projects - Labs	Approximately 3-4 Weeks

Weather Dynamics	1.	•	Formative Assessment Approximately
2. 3. 4. 5. 6.		and organization of the water and atmosphere?	Assessment may include: 3-4 Weeks
			Homework checks
	2.	What factors influence how warm or cool the Earth is?	- Observation
			- Worksheets
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			- Discussions
	4.	What makes wind?	- Etc.
	5.	5. How are severe weather events formed?	
			Summative Assessment
	6.	How do we predict severe weather events?	Assessment may include:
			- Quizzes
	7.	What is the impact on a community following a severe weather event?	- Tests
			- Projects
			- Labs
	8.	What is climate change & how do humans affect it?	
	9.	What are the effects of	

Assessment Guidelines

climate change?

Learning Behaviours

Assessment and reporting of learning behaviours will be according to the Brandon School Division Learning Behaviours Rubric.