Geneva CUSD 304 Content-Area Curriculum Frameworks Grades 6-12 Science

	1) to nurture an active interest in science that continues throughout life.	
2) to teach the learning skills and concepts necessary for the scien process.	2) to teach the learning skills and concepts necessary for the scientific process.	
3) to develop student understanding of the interrelationships betw science, society, and the environment	3) to develop student understanding of the interrelationships between science, society, and the environment	
4) to encourage students to discover and develop their talent in sc	ience.	
Course Sequence		
(Grades 6-12) 6^{th} grade:		
Earth Science		
7th grade:		
Life Science		
8 th grade:		
Physical Science		
9 th grade:		
General Science		
Earth Science		
Biology		
	Biology Honors	
10 th ,11 th ,12 grade:		
Chemistry		
Chemistry Honors		
Physics		
Astronomy		
Natural Disasters		
Anatomy and Physiology I and II		
Horticulture I and II		
AP Chemistry		
AP Biology AP Environmental Science		
AP Environmental Science		

Course Framework

	Earth Science
Course Title	
Grade Level	9 th /10 th
Semesters (1-2-3-4)	2
Prerequisite	none
Course Description	This laboratory science is a study of the processes that produce changes on the surface of the earth, within the body of the earth, and in the atmosphere. These changes and their effect on humans are examined. Additionally, human influences on the environment are studied. Areas of study include the development of the earth's crust through time; the relationship between minerals and rocks; weathering and erosion of the earth's surface and the deposition of sediments; the oceans as a storehouse of riches; historical geology including fossil development, evolution, and extinction of life; elements of weather and climate that relate to micro-areas and the whole earth; interpretation of maps including geologic/topographic maps depicting landforms located within the United States; and an appreciation of our earth and it's place in the cosmos.
District-approved Materials and/or Resources	Modern Earth Science Publisher: Holt Rinehart and Winston ISBN: 0-03-073543-2 Copy write: 2006

Unit of Study: major topics	Introduction to Earth Science	Resources that will support instruction Textbook Worksheets Oobleck lab Measurement lab Floating & Sinking lab
Illinois Learning Standards, Benchmarks, National Standards Assessment Frameworks, or other standards that will be taught in this unit	 11.A.5d Apply statistical methods to make results. 11.A.5e Report, display and defend the remay include professionals and the statement of the remaining of the statement of th	or simulations to test hypotheses. ta accurately and precisely. data to reach and support conclusions. s to explain unexpected results. ort, display and defend to an audience gations. ag prior research and knowledge. ected hypotheses experiments to test the selected hypotheses. as predictions and to test the accuracy of esults of investigations to audiences that echnical experts. data by analyzing the results, sample set, experimentation, possible misrepresentation
Objectives	 I. Introduction to Earth Science (<i>Chapters 0, 1, & 2</i>) A. Measurement (<i>Section 0</i>) Define gravity. Compare, contrast, and measure length, mass, weight, volume, and density. B. What is Earth Science? (<i>Section 1.1</i>) Describe two cultures that contributed to modern scientific study. Name the four main branches of earth science. Discuss how Earth Scientists help us understand the world around us. C. Science as a Process (<i>Section 1.2</i>) 	
	endeavor. 2. Identify the steps that mak 3. Distinguish between a hyp	referent from other forms of human the up scientific methods. Soothesis, theory, and a scientific law. Sought changes as new information is

	collected. 5. Explain how science affects society.
	 D. Energy in the Earth System (Section 2.2) 1. Compare an open system with a closed system. 2. List the characteristics of Earth's four major spheres. 3. Identify the two main sources of energy in the Earth System. 4. Identify four processes in which mater and energy cycle on Earth.
	 E. Ecology (Section 2.3) 1. Define ecosystem. 2. Identify three factors that control the balance of an ecosystem. 3. Summarize how energy is transferred through an ecosystem. 4. Describe one way that ecosystems respond to environmental change.
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Unit of Study: major topics Illinois Learning Standards, Benchmarks, National Standards Assessment Frameworks, or other standards that will be taught in this unit	12.F.4b Describe and compare the chem galaxies and objects within gal dark matter, stars).12.F.5a Compare the processes involved	d in the life cycle of stars (e.g., nuclear fusion, nova) and evaluate the universe and evaluate the supporting	
Objectives	 A. The Origin of the Universe (Sect 1. Describe the characteristic distance, and organization 2. Identify the visible and not spectrum. 3. Explain how Hubble's distance is expanding. 	3. Explain how Hubble's discoveries lead to an understanding that the universe is expanding.4. Summarize and list the evidence for the big bang theory.	
 Explain the nebular hypothesis of the orig Describe how the planets formed. The Origin of the Earth (Section 27.1) Describe the formation of the land, the atr of the Earth. The Layers of the Earth (Section 2.1) Describe the size and shape of Earth. Describe the compositional and structural The Earth in Orbit (Section 26.2) Describe the two lines of evidence for Earth. Explain how the change in the apparent points. 		thesis of the origin of the solar system. s formed. 27.1) f the land, the atmosphere, and the oceans 2.1) upe of Earth. nal and structural layers of Earth's interior. evidence for Earth's rotation. in the apparent positions of constellations h's rotation and revolution around the Sun.	

	measuring time. 4. Explain how the tilt of Earth's axis and Earth's movement cause seasons.	
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Unit of Study: major topics	Plate Tectonics	Resources that will support instruction Textbook Worksheets Plate Tectonics Lab Virtual Plate Tectonics lab
Illinois Learning Standards, Benchmarks, National Standards Assessment Frameworks, or other standards that will be taught in this unit	 12.E.4a Explain how external and internal energy sources drive Earth processes (e.g., solar energy drives weather patterns; internal heat drives plate tectonics). 12.E.4b Describe how rock sequences and fossil remains are used to interpret the age and changes in the Earth. 12.E.5 Analyze the processes involved in naturally occurring short-term and long-term Earth events (e.g., floods, ice ages, temperature, sea-level fluctuations). 	
Objectives	floor spreading. 4. Explain how sea-floor spre continental drift. B. The Theory of Plate Tectonics 1) Summarize the theory of plate.	pothesis of continental drift. a-floor spreading. asm provides support for the idea of sea- eading provides a mechanism for a (Section 10.2) late tectonics. a geologic activities that occur along the uries.
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Unit of Study: major topics	Structural Geology	Resources that will support instruction Textbook Worksheet Modeling Faults lab Virtual earthquake Lab Locating and Earthquake Lab Locating Active Volcanoes Lab
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Objectives	 V. Deformation, Earthquakes, and Volcanoes (<i>Chapters 11, 12, & 13</i>) A. Deformation (<i>Chapter 11</i>) How rock deforms (<i>Section 11.1</i>) a. Summarize the principle of isostacy. b. Identify the three main types of stress. c. List and compare the different types of faults and folds. 2. How mountains form (<i>Section 11.2</i>) Identify the types of plate collisions that form mountains. Identify the four types of mountains. Compare how folded and fault block mountains form. B. Earthquakes (<i>Chapter 12</i>) How and where earthquakes happen (<i>Section 12.1</i>) Describe elastic rebound. Compare body waves and surface waves. Explain how the structure of Earth's interior affects seismic waves. Explain why earthquakes generally occur at plate boundaries. Studying Earthquakes (<i>Section 12.2</i>) Describe the instrument used to measure and record earthquakes. 	

	 c. Describe the scales used to measure the magnitude and intensity of earthquakes. 3. Earthquakes and society (Section 12.3) a. Discuss the relationship between tsunamis and earthquakes. b. Describe two possible effects of a major earthquake on buildings. c. List three safety techniques to prevent injury caused by earthquake activity. d. Identify four methods scientists use to forecast earthquakes. 	
	C. Volcanoes (Chapter 13)	
	1. Volcanoes and plate tectonics (Section 13.1)	
	a. Describe the three conditions under which magma can form.	
	b. Explain what volcanism is.	
	c. Identify three tectonic settings where volcanoes form.	
	d. Describe how magma can form plutons.	
	2. Volcanic eruptions (Section 13.2)	
	a. Explain how the composition of magma affects volcanic eruptions and lava flow.	
	b. Describe the five major types of pyroclastic material.	
	c. Identify the three main types of volcanic cones.	
	d. Describe how a caldera forms.	
	e. List three events that may signal a volcanic eruption.	
Assessments	Performance Tasks Other Evidence	
	Homework completion	
	Design and carry out a controlled	
	experiment Leb work and reports	
	Lab work and reportsQuizzes	
	Exams	

Unit of Study: major topics	Earth Chemistry	Resources that will support instruction Textbook Worksheet Powers of Ten video
Illinois Learning Standards, Benchmarks, National Standards Assessment Frameworks, or other standards that will be taught in this unit	 12.C.4b Analyze and explain the atomic and nuclear structure of matter. 12.C.5a Analyze reactions (e.g., nuclear reactions, burning of fuel, decomposition of waste) in natural and man-made energy systems. 12.C.5b Analyze the properties of materials (e.g., mass, boiling point, melting point, hardness) in relation to their physical and/or chemical structures. 	
Objectives	 V. Earth Chemistry (<i>Chapter 4</i>) A. Matter (<i>Section 4.1</i>) Compare chemical properties and physical properties. Describe the basic structure of an atom. Compare atomic number, mass number, and atomic mass. Define Isotope. Describe the arrangement of elements in the periodic table. B. Combinations of atoms (<i>Section 4.2</i>) Define compound and molecule. Interpret chemical formulas. Describe two ways that electrons form chemical bonds between atoms. Explain the differences between compounds and mixtures 	
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Unit of Study: major topics	Rocks & Minerals	Resources that will support instruction Textbook Worksheet Mineral Lab Rocks Lab Virtual Rocks and Minerals Lab
Illinois Learning Standards, Benchmarks, National Standards Assessment Frameworks, or other standards that will be taught in this unit	11.A.4a Formulate hypotheses referencing prior research and knowledge. 11.A.4b Conduct controlled experiments or simulations to test hypotheses. 11.A.4c Collect, organize and analyze data accurately and precisely. 11.A.4e Formulate alternative hypotheses to explain unexpected results. 12.C.4b Analyze and explain the atomic and nuclear structure of matter	
Objectives	 VI. Rocks and Minerals (Chapters 5 & 6) A. Minerals (Chapter 5) 1. Define mineral. 2. Compare the two main groups of minerals. 3. Identify the six types of silicate structures and three common nonsilicate crystalline structures. 4. Describe seven physical properities that help distinguish one mineral from another. 5. List five special properties that may help identify certain minerals. B. Rocks (Chapters 6) 1. Rocks and the rock cycle (Section 6.1) 	
	a. Identify the three major types of rock, and explain how each type forms. b. Summarize the steps in the rock cycle. c. Explain Bowen's reaction series. d. Summarize the factors that affect the stability of rocks 2. Igneous Rock (Section 6.2) a. Summarize the three factors that affect whether rock melts. b. Describe how the cooling rate of magma and lava affe the texture of igneous rocks. c. Classify igneous rocks according to their composition and texture. d. Describe intrusive and extrusive igneous rock structure.	

	b. Describe how form. c. Describe how d. Identify the se 4. Metamorphic Rock (S a. Describe the p b. Explain the dimetamorphism c. Distinguish be	clastic sedimentary rock forms. ven sedimentary rock features. Section 6.4) rocess of metamorphism. fference between regional and contact
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Unit of Study:	Maps	Resources that will support instruction
major topics	Maps	Textbook
major topics		Worksheet
		Exploring Topo Maps Lab
		Making a Topo map Lab
		Room Mapping Lab
Illinois Learning		Koom Mapping Lab
Standards,	12.D.5a Analyze factors that influence th	e relative motion of an object (e g
Benchmarks,	friction, wind shear, cross currents, potential differences).	
Deficilitat KS,	12.D.5b Analyze the effects of gravitational, electromagnetic and nuclear forces on	
National Standards	a physical system.	
Assessment		
Frameworks, or		
other standards		
that will be taught		
in this unit		
Objectives	IX. Maps - Models of the Earth (Chapte	r 3)
o Conceptual	A. Finding Locations on Earth (S	,
o Factual		
o Procedural	 Distinguish between latitude and longitude. Explain how latitude and longitude can be used to locate places 	
o Troccuurar	on the Earth.	
	3. Explain how a magnetic compass can be used to find directions	
	on the earth.	te compass can be ased to find affections
	on the carm	
	B. Mapping Earth's Surface (Sec	etion 3.2)
	1) Explain two ways scientists get data to make maps.	
	2) Describe the characteristics and used of three types of map	
	projections.	
	3) Summarize how to use keys, legends, and scales to read maps.	
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	C. Types of Maps (Section 3.3)	
	**	and topography can be shown on a map.
	2) Interpret a topographic	
	3) Describe three types of	f information shown in geologic maps.
	4) Identify two uses of so	il maps.
Assessments	Performance Tasks	Other Evidence
	 Homework completion 	
	 Design and carry out a controlled 	
	experiment	
	Lab work and reports	
	Quizzes	
	■ Exams	

Unit of Study: major topics	Weathering, Soils, Erosion	Resources that will support instruction Textbook Worksheets Weathering Rocks Lab Soil Lab	
Illinois Learning Standards, Benchmarks, National Standards Assessment Frameworks, or other standards that will be taught in this unit	 11.A.4b Conduct controlled experiment 11.A.4c Collect, organize and analyze d 11.A.4d Apply statistical methods to the 12.E.4a Explain how external and interrection (e.g., solar energy drives weather tectonics). 12.E.4b Describe how rock sequences a age and changes in the Earth. 12.E.5 Analyze the processes involved 	 4b Describe how rock sequences and fossil remains are used to interpret the age and changes in the Earth. 5 Analyze the processes involved in naturally occurring short-term and long-term Earth events (e.g., floods, ice ages, temperature, sea-level 	
Objectives	 X. Weathering, Soils, Erosion, and Deposition (Chapters 14, 15, 17, & 18) A. Weathering (Sections 14.1 & 14.2) 1) Identify three agents of mechanical weathering. 2) Compare mechanical and chemical weathering processes. 3) Discuss the chemical reactions that decompose rock. 4) Explain how rock composition affects the rate of weathering. 5) Discuss how surface area affects the rate at which rock weathers. 6) Describe the effects of climate and topography on the rate of weathering. B. Soils (Sections 14.3 & 14.4) 1) Summarize how soil forms. 		
	composition. 3) Describe the character of the type of some environments. 5) Identify various unward accelerated soil erosing conservation that present of the conservation (Section 2).	eristic layers of mature residual soils. oil produced in various climatic ise farming methods that result in on and list four methods of soil vent this damage. etions 14.4, 15.2, 15.3, 17.2, 18.1) utline and compare the four agents of	

	erosion. 2) Discuss two ways gravity contributes to erosion. 3) Describe three major landforms shaped by weathering and erosion. 4) Explain how deposition occurs as a result of gravity, running water, glaciers, and wind.	
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solar energy drivestics). ibe how rock sequal changes in the Executive processes in	Worksheet Rivers Lab River Project Water & Sediment Lab ad internal energy sources drive Earth processes is weather patterns; internal heat drives plate tences and fossil remains are used to interpret the Earth. Involved in naturally occurring short-term and long-floods, ice ages, temperature, sea-level
 Describe the f List two approver Systems (Section 1). Summarize how 2. Describe the p Explain factor 4. Describe how channel. Describe one and floodplain. Identify three oundwater (Section 1). Identify proper groundwater. Describe the v Compare well 	ages of the water cycle. Factors that affect a water budget. Spaches to water conservation. Sons 15.2 & 15.3) The water develops. The state affect the evolution of a river channel. The erosive factors affect the evolution of a river advantage and one disadvantage of living on a methods of flood control. In 16.1) The erties of aquifers that affect the flow of water table and its relationship to the land surface. Is, springs, and artesian wells. land features formed by hot groundwater
	 Identify proper groundwater. Describe the value. Compare well. Describe two

	 Explain how caverns and sinkholes form. Identify at least two features of karst topography. 	
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Unit of Study: major topics Illinois Learning	Earth History	Resources that will support instruction Textbook Worksheet Geologic Time Calendar Lab Life on Earth Through Time Lab Walking with Dinosaurs Video
Standards, Benchmarks, National Standards Assessment Frameworks, or other standards that will be taught in this unit	 12.E.4a Explain how external and internal energy sources drive Earth processes (e.g., solar energy drives weather patterns; internal heat drives plate tectonics). 12.E.4b Describe how rock sequences and fossil remains are used to interpret the age and changes in the Earth. 12.E.5 Analyze the processes involved in naturally occurring short-term and long-term Earth events (e.g., floods, ice ages, temperature, sea-level fluctuations). 	
Objectives	b. Explain how the determing the r. c. Apply the law of the relative age d. Compare three importance for 2. Determining absolute at a. Summarize the and deposition formations. b. Describe the foc. Explain how the used to determine the dete	ge (Section 8.1) ple of uniformitarianism. e law of superposition can be used to relative age of rocks. of crosscutting relationships to determine es of rocks. types of unconformities, and explain their determining relative age in rocks. age (Section 8.2) limitations of using the rates of erosion to determine the absolute age of rock from ation of varves. e process of radioactive decay can be the absolute age of rocks. ion 8.3) vays in which entire organisms can be ssils. bles of fossilized traces of organisms. Index fossils can be used to determine the
	B. The Geologic Time Scale (Ch	apter 9)

	 Summarize how scientists worked together to develop the geologic column. List the major divisions of geologic time. Summarize how evolution is related to geologic change. Identify one major geologic and two major biological developments in the Precambrian, Paleozoic, Mesozoic, and Cenozoic Eras. List the periods of the major eras, and list the epochs within the Cenozoic 	
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Unit of Study: major topics	Oceans	Resources that will support instruction Textbook Worksheets
		Ocean Mapping Lab Contour of the Ocean Floor Lab Ocean water Density Lab
Illinois Learning Standards, Benchmarks, National Standards Assessment Frameworks, or other standards that will be taught in this unit	12.E.4a Explain how external and internal energy sources drive Earth processes (e.g., solar energy drives weather patterns; internal heat drives plate tectonics). 12.E.4b Describe how rock sequences and fossil remains are used to interpret the age and changes in the Earth. 12.E.5 Analyze the processes involved in naturally occurring short-term and long-term Earth events (e.g., floods, ice ages, temperature, sea-level fluctuations).	
Objectives	 A. The Ocean Floor (Chapter 19) Exploring the Oceans (Section 19.1) a. Name the major divisions of the global ocean. b. Describe how oceanographers study the ocean. c. Explain how sonar works. 2. The Ocean Floor (Section 19.2) a. Describe the main features of the continental margins. b. Describe the main features of the deep ocean basin. 3. Ocean Floor Sediments (Section 19.3) a. Describe the formation of ocean floor sediments. b. Explain how ocean floor sediments are classified by their physical composition. B. Ocean Water, Life, and Resources (Chapter 20) 	
	 b. Describe the second ocean water. 2. Ocean Life (Section 2) a. Explain how no ocean water. 	hemical composition of ocean water. alinity, temperature, density, and color of

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	life in the ocean. c. Describe the major zones of life in the ocean.

Unit of Study: major topics Illinois Learning Standards, Benchmarks, National Standards Assessment Frameworks, or other standards that will be taught in this unit	Resources that will support instruction Textbook Worksheets The Atmosphere Lab Weather Project
Objectives	 A. The Atmosphere (Section 22.1) Describe the composition of Earth's atmosphere. Explain how two types of barometers work. Identify the layers of the atmosphere. Identify two effects of air pollution. B. Energy Transfer in the Atmosphere (Section 22.2) Explain how radian energy reaches Earth. Describe how visible light and infrared energy warm Earth. Summarize the processes of radiation, conduction, and convection. C. Atmospheric Circulation (Section 22.3) Explain the Coriolis Effect. Describe the global patterns of air circulation, and name three global wind patterns. Identify two factors that form local wind patterns. D. Atmospheric Moisture (Section 23.1) Explain how heat energy affects the changing phases of water. Explain what absolute humidity and relative humidity are, and describe how they are measured. Describe what happens when the temperature of air decrease to the dew point or below the dew point.

- E. Clouds and Fog (Section 23.2)
 - 1. Describe the conditions that are necessary for clouds to form.
 - 2. Explain the four processes of cooling that can lead to the formation of clouds.
 - 3. Identify the three types of clouds.
 - 4. Describe four ways in which fog can form.
- F. Precipitation (Section 23.3)
 - 1. Identify the four forms of precipitation.
 - 2. Compare the two processes that cause precipitation.
 - 3. Describe two ways that precipitation is measured.
 - 4. Explain how rain can be produced artificially.
- G. Air Masses and Fronts (Sections 24.1 & 24.2)
 - 1. Explain how an air mass forms and list the four types of air masses.
 - 2. Describe how air masses affect the weather of North America.
 - 3. Compare the characteristic weather patterns of cold fronts with those of warm fronts.
 - 4. Describe how a midlatitude cyclone forms.
 - 5. Describe the development of hurricanes, thunderstorms, and tornadoes.
- H. Weather Forecasting (Sections 23.3 & 23.4)
 - 1. Identify the various weather instruments that measure lowerand upper-atmospheric weather conditions and describe how they are used.
 - 2. Explain how computers help scientists understand weather.
 - 3. Explain how weather stations communicate weather data.
 - 4. Explain how a weather map is created.
 - 5. Explain how computer models help meteorologists forecast weather.
 - 6. List three types of weather that meteorologists have attempted to control.
- I. Climatology (*Chapter 25*)
 - 1. Discuss the factors that affect climate. (Section 25.1)
 - 2. Outline the major climate zones and explain why city climates may differ from rural climates. (Section 25.2)
 - 3. Discuss the methods of study, factors of cause, possible impacts, and ways to minimize climate change. (Section 25.3)

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	Projects	
	 Lab work and reports 	
	Quizzes	
	Exams	