Black Horse Pike Regional School District

Environmental Science Curriculum

ENGAGING STUDENTS • FOSTERING ACHIEVEMENT • CULTIVATING 21ST CENTURY GLOBAL SKILLS

Unit 1: Astronomy

PART I: UNIT RATIONALE

WHY ARE STUDENTS LEARNING THIS CONTENT AND THESE SKILLS?

Course/Unit Title: **Environmental Science/Astronomy** **Grade Level(s):** **10-12**	**Unit Summary**: This unit will explore the Earth's place in the universe and its characteristics in comparison to other objects in our solar system which make it uniquely suited for sustaining life. The unit will begin with an overview of the organization of the universe and an exploration of developments that led to our current understanding of the universe. Alternate theories as to the origin of the universe will be debated. The focus will then shift to the evolution of the universe and the creation of our solar system as described by the Big Bang Theory. The organization of our solar system and the characteristics of our sun make it possible for life on Earth. Students will research the characteristics of different objects in our solar system such as planets, moons and asteroids and use this research to determine if human life could be sustained elsewhere in the solar system with the assistance of technology.
Essential Question(s): 1. What do we mean in science when we say that we stand on the shoulders of giants? 2. How do science and technology influence each other? 3. How does scientific knowledge benefit – deepen and broaden - from scientists sharing and debating ideas and information with peers? 4. How does technology extend human senses and understanding of Earth? 5. What characteristics does our Sun share with other stars? 6. Is there order to the Universe? 7. How are planets and other objects in the Solar System	**Enduring Understanding(s):** 1. Understanding the development of scientific ideas is essential for building scientific knowledge. 2. Technology evolves at an ever accelerating pace based on the needs and wants of society, and is influenced by cultural, political, and environmental values and constraints. 3. The growth of scientific knowledge involves critique and communication - social practices that are governed by a core set of values and norms. 4. Technology enables us to better understand Earth's systems and the impact of Earth's systems on human activity. 5. The Sun is medium-sized, middle-aged star. 6. Observable, predictable patterns of movement in the Sun, Earth, and Moon system occur because of gravitational interaction and energy from the Sun. 6. The universe is composed of galaxies, each of which is composed of solar systems having the same elements and governed by the same

similar to and different from Earth? What implication does this have for the existence and sustaining of life on other planets?	laws. 7. Physical characteristics of planets depend on their distance from the Sun and their size. 7. The Earth's characteristics make it uniquely suited in our solar system for life to exist.

PART II: INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES

DESCRIBE THE LEARNING TARGETS.

After each target, identify the NJCCCS or Common Core Standards that are applicable

Learning Target	**NJCCCS or CCS**
1. Discuss how our understanding of the universe and our solar system has changed as new technology has developed 2. List and evaluate the evidence for the Big Bang Theory 3. Compare and contrast competing theories for the formation of the universe. 4. Describe the evolution of the universe from its creation 13.7 BYA to the present 5. Describe the creation of our solar system from an accretion disc 6. Sequence the life cycle of a star based on its mass 7. Explain why the sun is considered an average star 8. Predict the fate of our sun based on its characteristics 9. Using the HR diagram, characterize how a stars color relates to its temperature. 10. Use mathematics to create a scale model of the solar system that accurately depicts distances between the sun and each of the planets 11. Explain how the tilt of the Earth on its axis affects seasonal variations in the Earth' 12. Analyze the potential for humans to colonize another planet	**1. Science:** 5.1 A (1-3), 5.1 C (1-3), 5.1 D (1-2), 5.4 A (1, 6) **Other Content Areas:** 6.1.12.C.11, 12, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **2. Science:** 5.1 A (1-3), 5.1 C (1-3), 5.1 D (1-2), 5.4 A (5, 6 **) Other Content Areas:** 6.1.12.C.11, 12, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **3**. **Science** 5.1 A (1-3), 5.1 C (1-3), 5.1 D (1-2), 5.4 A 5 **Other Content**

	Areas: 6.1.12.C.11, 12, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **4. Science:** 5.1 A (1-3), 5.1 C (1-3), 5.1 D (1-2), 5.4 A 2 **Other Content Areas:** 6.1.12.C.12, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **5. Science:** 5.1 A (1-3), 5.1 C (1-3), 5.1 D (1-2) **Other Content Areas:** 2.2.12.B.1, 8.1.12.C.1, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, L.9-10.6 or L.11-12.6, RI.9-10.2, 8 or RI.11-12.2, 8, RST.9-10.1, 9, 10 or RST.11-12.1, 9, 10, SL.9-10. 1 through 6 or SL.11-12.1 through 6, W.9-10.1, 7 or W.11-12.1, 7, WHST.9-10.1, 5, 7, 8, 9 or WHST.11-12. 1, 5, 7, 8, 9 **6. Science:** 5.1 A (1-3), 5.1 C (1-3), 5.1 D (1-2), 5.4 A 5 **Other Content Areas:** 6.1.12.C.11, 12,

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	9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, L.9-10.6 or L.11-12.6, RI.9-10.2, 8 or RI.11-12.2, 8, RST.9-10.1, 9, 10 or RST.11-12.1, 9, 10, SL.9-10. 1 through 6 or SL.11-12.1 through 6, W.9-10.1, 7 or W.11-12.1, 7, WHST.9-10.1, 5, 7, 8, 9 or WHST.11-12. 1, 5, 7, 8, 9

Inter-Disciplinary Connections:

Material presented in this section will connect with material in Math, History, Language Arts and 21st Century Life and Careers. Students will be analyzing graphs, creating scale models of the solar system, writing persuasive essays, debating socio-political implications of technological advances and creating a power point presentation.

Examples: Solar System Scale Model

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Students will engage with the following text:

Earth Science, Glencoe – Students will use designated sections of the text to as a starting point for research into the objects in our solar system.

Examples: Read page 707 and complete graphic organizer on Dwarf Planets

Measuring the Big Bang Microviewer Slide Set - Students will read about the Big Bang theory and the evidence that supports and view slides that go along with the text. They will use the information from the activity to help them draw conclusions as to which theory of the universe's origin they find most acceptable.

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Accommodations/Modifications:

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questions to complete when reading to ensure an understanding of key concepts; discuss answers to questions when completed to assess comprehension of all students; provide students with summaries.
For Dwarf Planets – read page 707 out loud and complete graphic organizer together on Smart Board.
For Big Bang Microviewer Slide Set – read Big Bang theory out loud and highlight all evidence that supports the theory, follow text with corresponding slide and discuss what is viewed.

Students will write:

Students will use Cornell note taking strategies, write essays, perform calculations in order to create scale models and create a power point presentation.

Examples: Big Bang Vs. Steady State persuasive essay
Planet Colonization Power Point (Planet Benchmark)
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For Big Bang vs. Steady State essay - list all supports for Big Bang Theory and reasons the Steady State and Oscillating Models are not valid on Smart Board, provide students with a written copy before the essay assignment, rewrite essay guidelines to limit writing to two paragraphs (four sentences each), give time and a half to complete essay with individual help offered three days after school in computer lab or LMC.
For Planet Colonization Power Point Presentation -guidelines read out loud and a list of planet choices to research will be provided, example skeletal slide to help organize planet information shown to students, offer individual help three days after school in computer lab or LMC, give time and a half to complete assignment, teacher will show and discuss grading rubric at the same time as guidelines, heavily weighted for visual/effort with no points deducted for grammar/spelling errors.

PART III: TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

DESCRIBE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

How will students uncover content and build skills.

- Students will be presented a historical overview of how the understanding of the universe and our solar system has changed with the developments of technology through power point presentation. The presentation will include an introduction to competing theories as to the origin of the universe. The students will discuss the information from the presentation and to draw a conclusion as to which theory is most likely. They will develop and present an argument to support their conclusion.
- Students will complete graphic organizers based on readings and study diagrams to develop a summary of the evolution of the universe from its creation 13.7 BYA to the present and the creation of our solar system from an accretion disc.

- Students will be presented with the different paths a stars life cycle can take through lecture and diagrams. The students will use the information to predict the fate of our sun.
- Students will study and discuss the HR diagram in pairs then use it to explain how a star's color relates to its temperature and explain why the sun is considered an average star.
- Students will engage the text book, use a teacher generated web quest and watch videos to gather information on objects in our solar system. They will work in groups to discuss the information they gathered and draw a conclusion as to whether or not it would be possible to colonize any of the objects. They will individually create power point presentations analyzing our ability to colonize elsewhere in our solar system.
- Students will work in teams to create a scale model using of our solar system using proportions.

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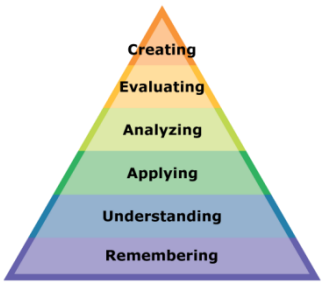

PART IV: EVIDENCE OF LEARNING

IDENTIFY THE METHODS BY WHICH STUDENTS WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF CONTENT AND THEIR ABILITY TO APPLY SKILLS. IDENTIFY BLOOM'S LEVELS.

Formative Assessments:

Formative assessments will be in the form of periodic quizzes, text based questions and writing assignments.

Example: Text based questions to go along with pages 742-745 in Glencoe Earth Science - Remembering
Solar System Quiz- Understanding
Big Bang Vs. Steady State Essay- Evaluating

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Examples: Big Bang vs. Steady State Essay- list all supports for Big Bang Theory and reasons the Steady State and Oscillating Models are not valid on Smart Board, provide students with a written copy before the essay assignment, rewrite essay guidelines to limit writing to two paragraphs (four sentences each), give time and a half to complete essay with individual help offered three days after school in computer lab or LMC. Solar System Quiz – limit multiple choice answers to three choices instead of four, choose one open ended question instead of two

Summative Assessments:

Students will be required to take a test to demonstrate proficiency on the material presented in this unit.

Example: Astronomy Test - Evaluating

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Accommodations/Modifications:

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Astronomy Test: limit multiple choice answers to three instead of four, put definition of luminosity next to diagram (questions 16 & 17), choose two open ended questions instead of three, offer reading test aloud/rewording when necessary, give time and a half to complete test.

Performance Assessments:

Students will be required to turn in homework, based on the material in this unit. They will also be required to create a power point presentation on whether or not we could colonize another planet based off of their research.

Example: Reinforcement worksheet "The Reason for Seasons" - Analyze

Planet Colonization Power Point Presentation - Create

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Planet Colonization Power Point Presentation: guidelines read out loud and a list of planet choices to research will be provided, example skeletal slide to help organize planet information shown to students, offer individual help three days after school in computer lab or LMC, give time and a half to complete assignment, teacher will show and discuss grading rubric at the same time as guidelines, heavily weighted for visual/effort with no points deducted for grammar/spelling errors.

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Unit 2: Earth's History

PART I: UNIT RATIONALE

WHY ARE STUDENTS LEARNING THIS CONTENT AND THESE SKILLS?

Course/Unit Title:	**Unit Summary**:
Environmental Science/ aEarth History/Clues to Earth's Past	Following the astronomy unit, students begin this unit with an understanding of how planets form and that complex life is unique to this planet. The Earth has gone through many transitions in its 4.5 billion year history. The Earth cooled to the point that a crust formed on its surface, tectonic activity ensued and the ocean basins filled with water. As life evolved, it entered into a complex interdependence with the planet's material and energy cycles. Students will learn how to use fossil evidence to track these changes with an eye to using the past to predict the future.
Grade Level(s): **10-12**	
Essential Question(s): 1. **What transitions has Earth gone through towards its present conditions?** 2. **How does evidence of Earth's past inform us about today's conditions?**	**Enduring Understanding(s):** 1. arth formed by accretion and eventually cooled to the point that a crust formed on its surface, tectonic activity ensued and the ocean basins filled with water. 2. s life evolved, it entered into a complex interdependence with the planet's material and energy cycles. 1. y studying geological and fossil evidence, we have been able to develop a 4.5-billion-year timeline describing the events associated with the formation and evolution of the Earth's ecosystems and biota. 2. he fossil record is useful not only for comprehending the history of life but also in the search for natural resources, and in discerning how our activities may impact the environment at various scales.

PART II: INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES

DESCRIBE THE LEARNING TARGETS.

After each target, identify the NJCCCS or Common Core Standards that are applicable

Learning Target	**NJCCCS or CCS**
1. Describe processes of, and conditions for, fossil formation. 2. Explain how fossil correlation is used to determine relative rock ages. 3. Explain how radioactive dating is used to determine absolute fossil ages. 4. Determine how fossils can be used to explain changes in Earth's surface, life forms, and environments. 5. Use index fossils to locate natural resources such as fossil fuels. 6. Trace the evolution of Earth's atmosphere. 7. Assess evidence for mass extinction events.	**1. Science:** 5.4.12.B.1 **Other content areas**: 8.1A, 8.1F, 9.1A, 9.1B, 9.1C, 9.1D, 9.1E, 9.4A, 9.4O, 9.4 O(1), 9.4O(2) **2. Science:**5.4.12.B.2 **Other content areas**:

	4.1A, 8.1A, 8.1F, 9.1A, 9.1B, 9.1C, 9.1D, 9.1E, 9.4A, 9.4O, 9.4 O(1), 9.4O(2) **3. Science:**5.1.12.A.2, 5.4.12.B.3 **Other content areas**: 3.1G, 3.2A, 3.2B, 3.2C, 3.2D, 3.5A, 3.5B, 4.1A, 6.2C, 8.1A, 8.1F, 8.2B, 9.1A, 9.1B, 9.1F, 9.4A, 9.4O, 9.4O (1), 9.4O (2) **4. Science:**5.4.12.B.1 **Other content areas**: 8.1A, 8.1F, 9.1A, 9.1B, 9.1C, 9.1D, 9.1E, 9.4A, 9.4O, 9.4 O(1), 9.4O(2) **5. Science:**5.4.12.B.1,2 **Other content areas**: 4.1A, 8.1A, 8.1F, 9.1A, 9.1B, 9.1C, 9.1D, 9.1E, 9.4A, 9.4O, 9.4 O(1), 9.4O(2) **6. Science:**5.1.12.A.2, 5.4.12.B.1 **Other content areas**: 3.1G, 3.2A, 3.2B, 3.2C, 3.2D, 3.5A, 3.5B, 4.1A, 6.2C, 8.1A, 8.1F, 8.2B, 9.1A, 9.1B, 9.1F, 9.4A, 9.4O, 9.4O (1), 9.4O (2) **7. Science:**5.4.12.B.1,3 **Other content areas**: 4.1A, 6.2C, 8.1A, 8.1F, 9.1A, 9.1B, 9.1C, 9.1D, 9.1E, 9.4A, 9.4O, 9.4 O(1), 9.4O(2)

Inter-Disciplinary Connections:

Material presented in this unit connects with material in art as students can create newspapers to depict a mass extinction event.
Material presented in this unit connects with math, as students can apply probability and graphing to radiometric dating in the Twizzler Lab.
Material presented in this unit connects with social studies as students can investigate the role of paleontology in oil exploration. http://www.pbs.org/americanfieldguide/teachers/fossils/fossils_unit.html#2

For standards, see above.
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Students will engage with the following text:

Glencoe's *Earth Science* Chapters 13 and 14

Example: "Fossil Scavenger Hunt": Examine the figures and photos on pages 400-418. Interpret them to answer the questions.

Supplemental materials are available in the "workbooks"

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For Fossil Scavenger Hunt: give specific page numbers of each figure and photo. Give prompts to assist with the interpretation each figure and/or photo.

Students will write:

Students will use Cornell note-taking strategies, write responses to warm up questions, exit tickets, and answer conclusion questions in labs. Literacy strategies such as Think, Pair & Share may also be used.
Students can write reflections on the concept of Deep Time and essays on the geological history of New Jersey.
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For Deep Time Reflection: read essay about deep time out loud in small groups, have students write true or false for each statement after each one is read out loud, read discussion questions as a group and have one group member record group answers.
For Geological history of NJ: limit data chart to organism and environment categories on guidelines, discuss organisms and environment of each period as a class recording information on the Smart Board or dry erase board, give written summaries of all time periods with descriptions of organisms and environment filled in, reduce time periods from five to three on essay requirements, give option of creating an illustrated time line, grade content not spelling/grammar/mechanics.

PART III: TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

DESCRIBE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

How will students uncover content and build skills.

In addition to taking Cornell notes during lecture-discussions facilitated by PowerPoint, Prezi and other technology-based visual aids, students will perform hands-on experiments, such as the Twizzler/M&M radioactive dating lab, and inquiry-based activities such as case studies (http://www.pbs.org/americanfieldguide/teachers/fossils/fossils_unit.html#2) as well as POGILs. Literacy strategies such as Think, Pair & Share may also be used.

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PART IV: EVIDENCE OF LEARNING

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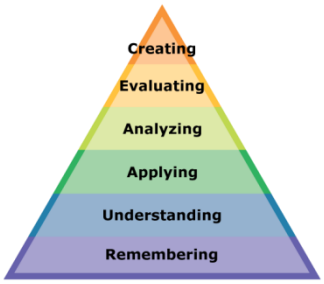
IDENTIFY BLOOM'S LEVELS.



Formative Assessments:

Examples:

Formative assessments will be in the form of oral questions and answer, periodic quizzes, text-based questions and lab conclusion questions. In addition to quizzes, students will answer questions on lab activities. (Remembering through Analyzing)

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Accommodations/Modifications:

Accommodations and/or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs

For Oil Exploration Lab: complete all conclusion questions together with student responses recorded on Smart Board. For M&M Radioactive Dating Lab: use Smart Board to collect all student data, set up line graph of data (x and y axis, title, increments) before requiring independent completion.

Summative Assessments:

To demonstrate proficiency on the material presented in this unit, students will be required to take a test that includes multiple choice, true-false, matching and open-ended questions. (Remembering through Analyzing)

Case study on the mass extinction event that claimed the dinosaurs. (Remembering through Evaluating)

Students can write narratives describing the geological history of NJ based on the fossil record. (Remembering through

Creating)
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Accommodations/Modifications:

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For Earth History Test - study guide provided prior to test, two test periods given to complete the test instead of one, create two word banks of ten terms/concepts each, bold x and y axis of half-life graph, provide three geological principles for question #18, offer test questions read aloud/reworded. For **Case Study - Read through and discuss case studies instead of independent reading, list lines of evidence for mass extinction, students will brainstorm and summarize aloud/teacher will write on Smart Board.**

Performance Assessments:

Students can be presented with a case study on mass extinction. (Remembering through Evaluating)
Students can conduct research in order to create newspaper front pages covering the events of a mass extinction. (Remembering through Creating)
Oil Exploration Lab http://www.pbs.org/americanfieldguide/teachers/fossils/fossils_unit.html#2 (Remembering through Evaluating)

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Accommodations/Modifications:

Accommodations and/or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs.
For Case Study - read through and discuss case studies instead of independent reading, list lines of evidence for mass extinction, students will brainstorm and summarize aloud/teacher will write on Smart Board.
For Newspaper- read guidelines aloud, limit choices of extinctions to three, give time and a half to complete project with three additional days offered in computer lab or LMC after school with teacher.
For Oil Exploration Lab- students recorder will complete chart on Smart Board with peers input.
For M & M Radioactive Dating Lab- divide class into groups prior to lab based on academic/social ability, teacher will demonstrate procedure before lab completed collaboratively.

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Unit 3: Plate Tectonics

PART I: UNIT RATIONALE

WHY ARE STUDENTS LEARNING THIS CONTENT AND THESE SKILLS?

Course/Unit Title: **Environmental Science/ Plate Tectonics** **Grade Level(s):** **10-12**	**Unit Summary**: Following the Earth history unit, this unit emphasizes the development of the theory of plate tectonics based on empirical evidence used to support the hypotheses of continental drift and seafloor spreading. This unit requires an understanding of an Earth that gradually changes over billions of years to appreciate a slow process that results in phenomena ranging from mountain formation to earthquakes. In light of the pressure built up at Earth's plate boundaries, earthquakes and volcanoes occur, causing great concern for those who wonder if we can predict or prevent natural disasters. This unit begins the theme of awareness and action, in which the students can participate in careers that require an understanding of Earth's structure and processes.
Essential Question(s): 1. How was the theory of plate tectonics developed? 2. How can we predict the likelihood of an earthquake or volcanic eruption? 3. What is the impact of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions on the environment and civilization?	**Enduring Understanding(s):** 1. Scientists including Wegener and Harry Hess developed the theory of plate tectonics after decades of research. 2. Correlating the hypotheses of continental drift and seafloor spreading has led to our understanding of the structure and dynamics of the Earth's crust. 3. Plate tectonics is responsible for features found at different types of plate boundaries and can be examined to assess the likelihood of potentially catastrophic events like earthquakes and volcanic eruptions in different parts of the world. 4. By understanding the mechanisms of plate tectonics we can develop efforts to predict natural disasters, prevent and limit loss of life and property, and provide relief from earthquakes (and the resulting tsunamis) and volcanic eruptions.

PART II: INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES

DESCRIBE THE LEARNING TARGETS.

After each target, identify the NJCCCS or Common Core Standards that are applicable

Learning Target	NJCCCS or CCS
1. Evaluate evidence for continental drift 2. Evaluate evidence for seafloor spreading 3. Describe the theory of plate tectonics. 4. Describe the convection current mechanism that drives plate tectonics 5. Analyze the movement of earth's plates in terms of speed and direction 6. Model the movement of earth's plates at the three types of plate boundaries. 7. Predict what geological features may be found at plate tectonics, or caused by plate movements	**1. Science:** 5.1.12.A.1, 5.4.12.D.1 **Other content areas**: 3.1H, 3.2B, 3.2C, 3.2D, 8.1A, 8.1F, 9.1A, 9.1B, 9.1C, 9.1D, 9.1E, 9.4A, 9.4O, 9.4 O(1), 9.4O(2) **2. Science:** 5.1.12.A.1,

8. Explain how movement of rock at plate boundaries causes earthquakes 9. Determine the epicenter of an earthquake by using the modified Mercalli scale 10. Predict the relative probability of earthquakes in locations such as California, the Ring of Fire and NJ. 11. Propose safety measures to be taken before, during and after an earthquake. 12. Determine types of volcanic eruptions based on magma composition 13. Propose safety measures to be taken before, during and after volcanic eruption.	5.4.12.D.1, 2 **Other content areas:** 3.1G, 3.1H, 3.2A, 3.2B, 3.2C, 3.2D, 3.5A, 3.5B, 4.1A 8.1A, 8.1E, 8.1F, 8.2B, 8.2G, 9.1A, 9.1B, 9.1D, 9.1F, 9.4A, 9.4O, 9.4O(1), 9.4O(2) **3. Science:** 5.1.12.A.1, 5.1.12.C.1 5.4.12.D.1, 2 **Other content areas:** 3.1H, 3.2A, 3.2B, 3.2C, 3.2D , 4.1A, 6.2A, 6.2B, 6.2C, 8.1A, 8.1F, 9.1A, 9.1B, 9.1C, 9.1D, 9.1E, 9.4A, 9.4O, 9.4 O(1), 9.4O(2) 4. **Science:** 5.4.12.D.1**Other content areas**: 3.1H, 3.2B, 3.2C, 3.2D, 8.1A, 8.1F, 9.1A, 9.1B, 9.1C, 9.1D, 9.1E, 9.4A, 9.4O, 9.4 O(1) 5. **Science:** 5.4.12.D.1**Other content areas:** 3.1H, 3.2B, 3.2C, 3.2D, 8.1A, 8.1F, 9.1A, 9.1B, 9.1C, 9.1D, 9.1E, 9.4A, 9.4O, 9.4 O(1), 9.4O(2) 6. **Science:** 5.1.12.B.2, 5.4.12.D.1,2 **Other content areas:** 3.1H, 3.2B, 3.2C, 3.2D , 4.1A, 6.2A, 6.2B, 6.2C, 8.1A, 8.1F, 9.1A, 9.1B, 9.1C, 9.1D, 9.1E, 9.4A, 9.4O, 9.4 O(1), 9.4O(2) 7. **Science:** 5.1.12.A.1, 5.4.12.D.1,2 **Other content areas:** 3.1H, 3.2B, 3.2C, 3.2D , 4.1A, 6.2A, 6.2B, 6.2C, 8.1A, 8.1F, 9.1A, 9.1B, 9.1C, 9.1D, 9.1E, 9.4A, 9.4O, 9.4 O(1), 9.4O(2)

	8. **Science:** 5.4.12.D.1 **Other content areas**: 3.1H, 3.2B, 3.2C, 3.2D, 8.1A, 8.1F, 9.1A, 9.1B, 9.1C, 9.1D, 9.1E, 9.4A, 9.4O, 9.4 O(1), 9.4O(2) 9. **Science:** 5.1.12.B.4, 5.1.12.C.1, 5.4.12.D.1 **Other content areas:** 3.1G, 3.1H, 3.2A, 3.2B, 3.2C, 3.2D, 3.5A, 3.5B, 4.1A, 8.1A, 8.1F, 9.1A, 9.1B, 9.1C, 9.1D, 9.1E, 9.4A, 9.4O, 9.4 O(1), 9.4O(2) 10. **Science:** 5.4.12.D.1 **Other content areas:** 3.1H, 3.2B, 3.2C, 3.2D, 8.1A, 8.1F, 9.1A, 9.1B, 9.1C, 9.1D, 9.1E, 9.4A, 9.4O, 9.4 O(1), 9.4O(2) 11. **Science:** 5.4.12.D.1 **Other content areas:** 3.1H, 3.2B, 3.2C, 3.2D, 8.1A, 8.1F, 9.1A, 9.1B, 9.1C, 9.1D, 9.1E, 9.4A, 9.4O, 9.4 O(1), 9.4O(2) 12. **Science:** 5.4.12.D.1 **Other content areas:** 3.1H, 3.2B, 3.2C, 3.2D, 8.1A, 8.1F, 9.1A, 9.1B, 9.1C, 9.1D, 9.1E, 9.4A, 9.4O, 9.4 O(1), 9.4O(2) 13. **Science:** 5.4.12.D.1 **Other content areas:** 3.1H, 3.2B, 3.2C, 3.2D, 8.1A, 8.1F, 9.1A, 9.1B, 9.1C, 9.1D, 9.1E, 9.4A, 9.4O, 9.4 O(1), 9.4O(2)

Inter-Disciplinary Connections:

Material presented in this unit connects with material in math when calculating the speed and distance of tectonic plate movements, and the age of seafloor rocks.
Material presented in this unit connects with material in social studies when they trace the development of the theory of plate tectonics in light of 20th century history.

Material presented in this unit connects with material in art when they use clay to model plate tectonic boundaries.

For standards, see above.
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Students will engage with the following text:

Glencoe *Earth Science* -- Chapters 10-12

Students will also read current events articles from online news sources.

Supplemental materials are available in the "workbooks"
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Accommodations/Modifications:

Accommodations and/or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs. These may include but not be limited to: photocopy pages from the textbook and highlight or underline main ideas in reading materials prior to assigned reading, read passages aloud to students; incorporate media/audio visual representation(You Tube, Discovery Education), give students reading material or pages to read in advance so that they can pre-read, ask questions, and then re-read materials, provide guided questions to complete when reading to ensure an understanding of main ideas and key concepts, discuss answers to questions when complete to assess comprehension of all students, provide students with summaries.

Students will write:

Students will use Cornell note-taking strategies, write responses to warm-up questions and answer conclusion questions in labs. Literacy strategies such as Think, Pair & Share may also be used.
They can also write a narrative of a natural disaster caused by an earthquake of volcanic eruption. For example, see http://geobytesgcse.blogspot.com/2007/01/volcano-case-study-mount-st-helens-1980.html
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Accommodations/Modifications:

Accommodations and/or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs. These may include but not be limited to: provide students with guided notes or a copy of notes, offer students extended time on writing assignments; reduce length requirement for writing assignments, provide guiding questions for written responses, give checklists or step-by-step directions for assignments, reduced number of open-ended responses, provide graphic organizers to help students organize their writing, grade on content, not spelling/grammar/mechanics, provide extra space for students with poor or large handwriting, offer choice of typing responses if available, writing prompts when answering critical thinking questions.

PART III: TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

DESCRIBE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

How will students uncover content and build skills.

In addition to taking Cornell notes during lecture-discussions facilitated by PowerPoint, Prezi and other technology-based visual aids, students will use online simulations on earthquakes and volcanoes. Literacy strategies such as Think, Pair & Share may also be used. Student-centered approaches include the following:

Modeling the development of plate tectonics through paper simulations.

Simulating and analyzing the composition of magma through a hands-on experiment.

Using the modified Mercalli scale to locate the epicenter of an earthquake.

Participating in inquiry-based activities such as case studies and POGILs.

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Accommodations/Modifications:

Accommodations and/or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs. These may include but not be limited to:

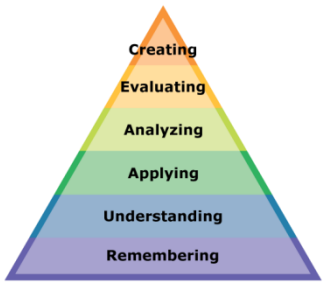
Cornell note-taking: provide paper for note-taking set up in Cornell notes format; pre-teach necessary vocabulary and skills, provide students with guided notes or copies of notes, break lectures into shorter portions, use time lines and graphic organizers when taking notes

Online simulations and labs: pre-teach necessary vocabulary and skills, provide step-by-step directions/guidelines, and verbally re-state written directions prior to assignment, chunk assignment to allow the teacher to assess comprehension of each section prior to moving into the next section.

For Mercalli Scale Lab: provide step-by step directions for assignment, read all directions out loud, create Mercalli scale rankings in groups, demonstrate concentric looping to properly locate epicenter

PART IV: EVIDENCE OF LEARNING

IDENTIFY THE METHODS BY WHICH STUDENTS WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF CONTENT AND THEIR ABILITY TO APPLY SKILLS. IDENTIFY BLOOM'S LEVELS.



Formative Assessments:

Formative assessments will be in the form of oral questions and answer, periodic quizzes, text-based questions and lab clusion questions. Students can produce earthquake safety posters (Remembering through Applying)
Students can complete a volcano case study (http://www.explorevolcanoes.com/volcano-casestudies.html (Remembering through Evaluating)

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Accommodations/Modifications:

Accommodations and/or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs. These may include but not be limited to:
For Earthquake Safety Poster: provide written copy of precautions before, after, during; provide paper for poster, rubric emphasizing creativity and effort not spelling/grammar/mechanics, reduce number of required safety precautions (modified rubric found in TC shared, science, Sedgwick 2012 environmental curriculum).
For Volcano Case Study: use Smart Board to demonstrate navigating through websites prior to independent web quest.

Summative Assessments:

To demonstrate proficiency on the material presented in this unit, students will be required to take a test that includes multiple choice, true-false, matching and open-ended questions. (Remembering through Analyzing)
Students can research news stories on natural disasters (either earthquake or volcanic eruption), which can be presented via traditional writing assignment, oral presentation or Xtranormal.com presentation. (Remembering through Creating)
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Accommodations/Modifications:

Accommodations and/or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs. These may include but not be limited to the following:
For Breaking News Presentation: set aside first day for visual tutorial of Xtranormal website to show how to set up an account and then step by step directions on making of video, provide a list and short summaries of major earthquakes and major volcanic eruptions for student to select a desired topic, provide a written and verbal set of step-by-step guidelines for the project, allow student choice of Power point presentation, Xtranormal movie, or traditional writing assignment, generate and discuss grading rubric prior to creation of presentation and focus on use of class time, creative effort, and relevant information when grading, require five instead of nine of the relevant information on rubric, provide minimum of three class periods in the computer lab for teacher to provide individual assistance when needed, offer additional days of teacher assistance after school prior to due date.

Performance Assessments:

Students can research news stories on natural disasters (either earthquake or volcanic eruption), which can be produced via traditional writing assignment, oral presentation or Xtranormal.com presentation. (Remembering through Creating)

Modified Mercalli lab (Remembering through Evaluating)
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Accommodations/Modifications:

Accommodations and/or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs.

Modified Mercalli Lab: provide step-by step directions for assignment; read all directions out loud, create Mercalli scale rankings in groups, demonstrate concentric looping to properly locate epicenter.

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Unit 4: Atmosphere

PART I: UNIT RATIONALE

WHY ARE STUDENTS LEARNING THIS CONTENT AND THESE SKILLS?

Course/Unit Title: **Environmental Science / Atmosphere** **Grade Level(s):** **10-12**	**Unit Summary**: This unit investigates the properties of atmosphere and the implication of those properties to the possibility of life on earth as we know it. In this unit, the students will focus on the importance, composition, and function of the atmosphere. Students will investigate the layers of the atmosphere and the important features in each. Students will identify trends in the atmosphere such as air pressure and temperature and the implications of these trends. Students will investigate how energy is transferred through the atmosphere and its connection with the processes in the water cycle and air movement. Students will identify and evaluate changes that have taken place in the atmosphere both natural and manmade. The concept of climate change through the topics of atmospheric gas composition and the greenhouse effect will be introduced. Students will be asked to evaluate the effect on human impact on natural systems. Students will develop a better understanding of this unit by using information presented in previous units. One such example can be seen in the Earth History Unit, where similar themes can be identified. It was discussed that as the planet changed over geologic time, so did the composition of the atmosphere which contributed to the evolution of life forms on Earth. Directly prior to this unit, students investigated the properties of the plate tectonics and earthquakes. Students will use the concepts presented in this unit to develop a better understanding in future units. One such example can be seen in the Climate Change Unit, where similar themes can be identified such as the greenhouse effect and global warming. Also, students will use this information to assist in evaluating resource usage.
Essential Question(s): 1. What is the function of the atmosphere? 2. What makes up the atmosphere? 3. How is energy transferred through the atmosphere? 4. What are the important processes in the water cycle? 5. How has the	**Enduring Understanding(s):** 1. The earth provides an array of natural services such as the maintenance of the quality of the atmosphere, soils, hydrologic cycle, disposal of waste, and recycling of nutrients. Disruption of these natural services through such activities as harvesting natural resources may result in negative environmental, health, and economic consequences. 2. The chemical and physical properties of the vertical structure of the atmosphere support life on Earth. Through analyzing atmospheric structure global, regional and local variations can be identified and implication for life can be studied. 3. The sun is the major external source of energy for Earth's global energy

atmosphere changed over time?	budget. These energy sources run earth's natural services such as the hydrologic cycle and movement of matter. 4. Earth's hydrologic cycle is complex, involves many processes, and varies globally, regionally, and locally. 5. The composition of the atmosphere has changed throughout time. This change can be natural as in the development of oxygen and an ozone layer which can be traced through rock layers. These changes can cause dramatic shifts in life's evolution. Human activities have changed Earth's land, oceans, and atmosphere. Human interactions can disrupt the stability of the atmosphere and the services provided. These activities include the burning of fossil fuels which can be studied by evaluating the addition of greenhouse gases to the atmosphere and global average temperatures. Scientific, economic, and other data assists in assessing environmental risks and benefits associated with societal activity such as the large scale adoption of emerging technologies.

PART II: INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES

DESCRIBE THE LEARNING TARGETS.

After each target, identify the NJCCCS or Common Core Standards that are applicable

Learning Target	**NJCCCS or CCS**
1. Identify the functions of the atmosphere. **2. Identify the composition of gases that make up the atmosphere.** **3. Identify the layers of the atmosphere in order.** **4. Identify the important characteristics of each layer.** **5. Describe the function of the ozone layer.** **6. Describe how energy is transferred through the atmosphere.** **7. Describe the processes in order involved in the hydrologic cycle.** **8. Describe the formation of the atmosphere.** **9. Describe the effect of CFC's on the ozone layer.** **10. Identify types of greenhouse gases and their sources.** **11. Describe the functions of greenhouse gases and their connection with global warming.** **12. Compare and contrast benefits and drawbacks of the greenhouse effect.** **13. Describe the Coriolis Effect.** **14. Describe prevailing winds, the gulf and jet stream, sea and land breezes and its effect on our weather.**	**1. Science:** 5.4 C-2 **Other content standards**: 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **2. Science:** 5.4 C-2 **3. Science:** 5.4 C-2 **4. Science:** 5.4 C-2, G-2 **Other content standards:** 2.2.12.B.1, 6.1.12.B.6, 6.1.12.B.9, 6.1.12.C.13, 6.1.12.B.16 **5. Science:** 5.4 C-2, G-2

	6. **Science:** 5.4 E-1,2 5.4 G-3 **Other content standards:** 6.1.12. C.12, 6.1.12.C16, 6.2.12.C.5, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, N-Q.1, 3, A-CED.1, A-REI.10, 11, F-BF. RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, S-IC.6, S-ID.1, 9, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 7. **Science:** 5.4 E -1,2 F-3 G-3,7 **Other content standards:** 6.1.12.B.1, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.1.12.F.6, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 8. **Science:** 5.4 B-1, C-2 **Other content standards:** 6.1.12.D.6, 6.1.12.C.12, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 9. **Science:** 5.3 C-2,

	G-5,6 10. **Science:** 5.4 C-2, F-2 11. **Science:** 5.4 F-2 12. **Science:** 5.3 C-2, 5.4 G-5,6 13. **Science:** 5.4 E-1,2 G-3 14. **Science:** 5.4 E-1,2 G-3

Inter-Disciplinary Connections:

Material in this section will connect with material in Math, History, and Language Arts. Students will need to analyze quantitative data, graphs, and draw conclusions. Students will also need to discuss how social and economic activity may contribute to environmental issues and solutions.

Examples:
Lab Activity – Layers of the Atmosphere Poster Project
Lab Activity – Greenhouse Effect Simulation

- examples of strategies and modified strategies are in the District Shared\Science\CURRICULUM WRITING 2012\Environmental Science folder

Students will engage with the following text:

Textbook – Earth Science Glencoe
"Earth's Clouds Alive with Bacteria" – Article on LiveScience.com
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Students will write:

Students will use Cornell note taking strategies, write written responses to warm up questions, and summarize notes from class discussion. Students will also in a paragraph summarize events that occur in the water cycle and identify human activities that contribute to water pollution issues. Students will write free response answers to questions posed in such activities as the Greenhouse Effect Simulation and unit study guide.

Example:
Water Cycle Diagram
Atmosphere Study Guide
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Accommodations/Modifications:

Accommodations and/or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs. These may include but not be limited to: provide students with paper set up in Cornell notes format when taking notes, writing prompts when answering critical thinking questions, reduce amount of writing, grade content not spelling/grammar/mechanics when grading written assessments.

For water pollution issue activity: identify human activities that contribute to water pollution issues and then record on board together.

For water cycle: provide students with copy of water cycle illustration and discuss the cyclic movement of water throughout the planet, list events that occur in the water cycle and give written copy of events to students before having summarize events that occur in paragraph form.

For Greenhouse Effect Simulation: have students read opening paragraph out loud together and underline four tasks before beginning web quest, open website on Smart Board and show how to maneuver through site before students work independently, give time and a half to complete lab, answer comprehension questions together on Smart Board after Part 2 is complete.

For study guide: provide written copy of notes corresponding with objectives on study guide, provide specific page numbers of where to locate answers within textbook, go over all answers to study guide together as a class.

PART III: TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

DESCRIBE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

How will students uncover content and build skills.

- Students will be presented with information through power point presentation which will utilize multimedia videos and interactive maps and diagrams.
- Students will investigate concepts through guided class discussion lead by teacher based questions.
- Small group discussion as students work in groups to use notes and textbook to construct atmosphere poster.
- The students will reinforce concepts by completing a graphic visual such as with the water cycle.
- The students will reinforce concepts by completing free response questions given on a unit study guide.

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PART IV: EVIDENCE OF LEARNING

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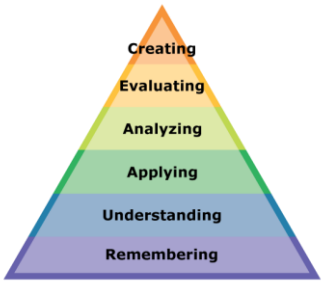
IDENTIFY BLOOM'S LEVELS.



Formative Assessments:

Students will demonstrate understanding through responses to class discussion, warm up questions, quizzes, and level of difficulty when completing class work activities.

Example:

Atmosphere Quiz – Remembering & Understanding (multiple choice), Applying & Analyzing (diagram completion & free response question)

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Accommodations/Modifications:

Accommodations and/or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs.

Atmosphere Quiz – limit multiple choice answers to three instead of four, list the five layers of the atmosphere and have students write numbers to put them in correct order (modified quiz on TC shared, science, Sedgwick 2012 environmental curriculum).

Summative Assessments:

Students will demonstrate mastery of unit content and concepts through completing lab activities and unit exams.

Example:

Lab Activity: Layers of the Atmosphere Poster Project – R, U, Ap, An, E, C
Lab Activity: Greenhouse Effect Simulation – R, U, Ap, An, E
Lab Activity: Water Cycle Diagram – R, U, Ap, An, E, C
Atmosphere Test – R, U, Ap, An, E

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Accommodations/Modifications:

Accommodations and/or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs.

<u>Water Cycle Diagram</u> - provide students with copy of water cycle illustration and discuss the cyclic movement of water throughout the planet, list events that occur in the water cycle and give written copy of events to students before having them summarize in paragraph form, change guidelines for paragraph to fill in notes that student will attach to diagram.

<u>Greenhouse Effect Simulation</u> –have students read opening paragraph out loud together and underline four tasks before beginning web quest, open website on Smart Board and show how to maneuver through site before students work independently, give time and a half to complete lab, answer comprehension questions together on Smart Board after Part 2 is complete.

<u>Atmosphere Test</u> – limit multiple choice answers to three instead of four, provide a word bank to complete water cycle diagram, offer questions read aloud/rewording if necessary, two class periods to complete instead of one if needed.

<u>Performance Assessments:</u>

Students will demonstrate mastery of performance skills through completion of lab activities.

Example:

Lab Activity: Layers of the Atmosphere Poster Project – R, U, Ap, An, E, C

Lab Activity: Greenhouse Effect Simulation – R, U, Ap, An, E

Lab Activity: Water Cycle Diagram – R, U, Ap, An, E, C

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<u>Accommodations/Modifications:</u>

Accommodations and/or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs.

<u>Water Cycle Diagram</u>: - provide students with copy of water cycle illustration and discuss the cyclic movement of water throughout the planet, list events that occur in the water cycle and give written copy of events to students before having them summarize in paragraph form, change guidelines for paragraph to fill in notes that student will attach to diagram.

<u>Greenhouse Effect Simulation</u> –have students read opening paragraph out loud together and underline four tasks before beginning web quest, open website on Smart Board and show how to maneuver through site before students work independently, give time and a half to complete lab, answer comprehension questions together on Smart Board after Part 2 is complete.

<u>Layers of the Atmosphere Poster Project</u> –measure layers label the layers, and paste in correct order together as a class, students will only fill out temperatures from page 431 independently.

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Unit 5: Climate

PART I: UNIT RATIONALE

WHY ARE STUDENTS LEARNING THIS CONTENT AND THESE SKILLS?

Course/Unit Title: **Environmental Science/ Climate** **Grade Level(s):** **10-12**	**Unit Summary**: This unit investigates the properties of climate and the implication of those properties to the creation of habitats for living organisms. In this unit, the students will focus on the difference between weather and climate. Students will investigate the globe and the factors that determine climate. Students will investigate microclimates created by mountains, bodies of water, and cities to develop an understanding of the implications of climate. Students will then compare and contrast terrestrial biomes and organisms adaptations for survival. Students will evaluate how these biomes have been affected by human impact such as habitat destruction. Students will be introduced to the concept of climate change through the topics of the carbon cycle and the greenhouse effect. Again students will be asked to evaluate the effect on human impact on natural systems. Students will be asked to develop solutions and plans for the environmental issues presented in this unit. Students will develop a better understanding of this unit by using information presented in previous units. One such example can be seen in the Earth History Unit, where similar themes can be identified. It was discussed that as the climate of the planet changed over geologic time, so did the evolution of life forms on Earth. Major changes, such as the creation of the ozone layer by cyanobacteria, have set the stage for modern life and terrestrial biomes. Major changes in climate in the future can have similar effects on the evolution of future life. Directly prior to this unit, students investigated the properties of the atmosphere. Students were introduced to the greenhouse effect and how it may change atmospheric composition due to human activities. Students will use the concepts presented in this unit to evaluate resource usage in the next unit.
Essential Question(s): 1. **What is the major difference between weather and climate?** 2. **What properties determine an area's climate?** 3. **What is the relationship between climate and biodiversity of an area?** 4. **How can climate be disrupted by human activities?**	**Enduring Understanding(s):** 1. Earth's weather and climate systems are the results of complex interactions between the land, oceans, ice, and atmosphere. Climate is determined by energy transfer from the Sun at and near Earth's surface. This energy transfer is influenced by dynamic processes, such as cloud cover and Earth's rotation, as well as static conditions, such as proximity to mountain ranges and the ocean. Human activities, such as the burning of fossil fuels, also affect the global climate. 2. The Earth's composition is unique, is related to our place in the solar system, and provides us with the raw resources needed to sustain life. Earth's radiation budget varies globally, but is balanced providing the basic

	amounts of sunlight, temperature, and precipitation that determine climate. 3. All animals and plants depend on each other and the environment to meet basic needs. Students must analyze the interrelationships and interdependencies among different organisms, and explain how these relationships contribute to the stability of the ecosystem. 4. Stability in an ecosystem can be disrupted by natural or human interaction. Model how natural and human-made changes in the environment will affect individual organisms and the dynamics of populations. 4. The biogeochemical cycles on Earth create a flow of resources through the hydrosphere, geosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere. The biogeochemical cycles are governed by the earth's external and internal sources of energy. These cycles are impacted and disrupted by human activity. Earth's hydrologic cycle is complex and varies globally, regionally, and locally.

PART II: INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES

DESCRIBE THE LEARNING TARGETS.

After each target, identify the NJCCCS or Common Core Standards that are applicable

Learning Target	**NJCCCS or CCS**
1. Compare and contrast weather and climate **2. Identify the important characteristics of climate including temperature and precipitations.** **3. Explain how latitude and other factors affect the climate of an area.** **4. Explain how bodies of water and land formations can affect the climate of an area.** **5. Describe the rain shadow effect and its effect on ecosystems.** **6. Describe the heat island effect and investigate methods of reduction.** **7. Compare and contrast terrestrial biomes.** **8. Describe how organisms adapt to the particular climate of a biome.** **9. Describe the impact of human activities on terrestrial biomes.** **10. Identify the major processes involved in the carbon cycle.** **11. Describe the impact of human activities on climate.** **12. Explore the possible caused of climate change.** **13. Evaluate the effects of climate change and methods to minimize these effects.**	**1. Science: 5.4 F 1-3 Other content standards:** 6.1.12.B.6, 6.1.12.D.6, 6.1.12.C.12, 6.1.12.B.16, 6.1.12.C.16, 6.2.12.C.3, 6.2.12.C.5, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, F.6, 9.4O RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **2. Science: 5.4 F 1-3** **3. Science: 5.4 F 1-3** **4. Science: 5.4 F 1-3** **5. Science: 5.4 F 1-3** **6. Science: 5.4 F 1-3** **7. Science: 5.3 C 1-2, E-4 Other content**

	standards: 2.2.12.B.1, 6.1.12.B.6, 6.1.12.C.12, 6.1.12.C.13, 6.1.12.B.16, 6.1.12.C.16, 6.2.12.C.3, 6.2.12.C.5, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.1.12.F.6, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, S-ID.1, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **8. Science: 5.3 E-4** **9. Science: 5.3 C 2 5.4 G 2-7 Other content standards:** 2.2.12.B.1, 6.1.12.B.6, 6.1.12.B.9, 6.1.12.C.13, 6.1.12.B.16, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **10. Science: 5.4 G-2-7** **11. Science: 5.3 C-1,2 5.4 G 2-7** **12. Science: 5.4 F-2** **13. Science: 5.3 C-1,2 5.4 G 2-7**

Inter-Disciplinary Connections:

Material in this section will connect with material in Math, History, and Language Arts. Students will need to analyze quantitative data, graphs, and draw conclusions. Students will need to read maps and identify important features on the globe. Students will also need to discuss how social and economic activity may contribute to environmental issues and solutions. Students will also use written resources to research biome characteristics, as well as, read articles from periodicals developing an opinion on environmental issues of

climate change. Students will develop public speaking skills through presentations.

Examples:
Terrestrial Biome Research Project – Students will use research resources such as Facts on File: Science Online to research a particular biome and create a power point presentation to educate classmates.

Students will read various articles discussing the climate change issue and evidence.

Climate Change Proposal – Students will develop a proposal as part of the NJ DEP position on methods to reduce activities which contribute to climate change.

- examples of strategies and modified strategies are in the District Shared\Science\CURRICULUM WRITING 2012\Environmental Science folder

Students will engage with the following text:

Textbook – Earth Science Glencoe, Use various research resources such as Facts on File: Science Online, Periodic Articles such as, "US to Suffer Most from Future Sea Rise"
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Accommodations/Modifications:
Accommodations and/or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs. These may include but not be limited to : photocopy pages in textbook and give to students prior to reading assignment in the classroom so they can pre-read, highlight, ask questions, and then re-read materials, highlight or underline main ideas in reading materials, provide guiding questions to complete when reading, "US to Suffer Most from Future Sea Rise" to ensure an understanding of key concepts; discuss answers to questions when complete to assess comprehension of all students after reading each periodic article, provide students with summary of each periodic article.

Students will write:

Students will use Cornell note taking strategies, write written responses to warm up questions, create and present a power point presentation by reading, summarizing, and analyzing various research resources, and write a climate change proposal. Students will also in a paragraph summarize events that occur in the carbon cycle and identify processes that add and subtract carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

Example: Lab Activity - Carbon Cycle Diagram

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Accommodations/Modifications:
Accommodations and/or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs. These may include but not be limited to: provide student with paper set up in Cornell notes

format when taking notes, provide students with written copy of notes or guided notes, writing prompts when answering critical thinking questions, verbally explain carbon cycle and movement of carbon throughout atmosphere, show carbon cycle illustration before summarizing events, list events of carbon cycle to summarize and have students place them appropriately in carbon cycle using arrows to show movement of carbon, reduce amount of writing .
For Carbon Cycle Diagram – change number three to "list steps of the carbon cycle", do not require students to write a paragraph that explains the steps, change rubric to match.
For Climate Change Proposal – change the amount of information required in assignment from ten to eight (provide a list of fossil fuels and what we use them for), read guidelines out loud and show/discuss grading rubric at the same time.

PART III: TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

DESCRIBE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

How will students uncover content and build skills.

- Students will be presented with information through power point presentation which will utilize multimedia videos and interactive maps and diagrams.
- Students will investigate concepts through guided class discussion lead by teacher based questions.
- Students will record, analyze, track, and make predictions of local weather.
- Small group discussion as students work in groups to perform research and develop proposals.
- Student lead instruction as in the case of biome presentations
- Be provided with real world relevance and current environmental issues regarding climate change.
- The students will reinforce concepts by completing a graphic visual such as with the carbon cycle.

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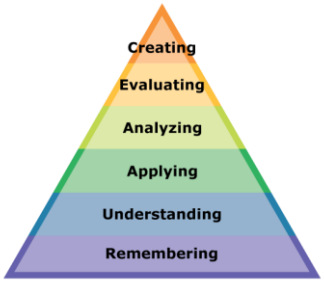
PART IV: EVIDENCE OF LEARNING

IDENTIFY THE METHODS BY WHICH STUDENTS WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF CONTENT AND THEIR ABILITY TO APPLY SKILLS.
IDENTIFY BLOOM'S LEVELS.



Formative Assessments:

Students will demonstrate understanding through responses to class discussion, warm up questions, quizzes, and level of difficulty when completing class work activities.

Example:

Climate Quiz – Remembering & Understanding (vocabulary), Applying & Analyzing (diagram completion &

free response question)

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Accommodations/Modifications:

Accommodations and/or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs.
Climate Quiz – study guide provided before the quiz, student may choose three open ended questions instead of four.

Summative Assessments:

Students will demonstrate mastery of unit content and concepts through completing lab activities, research projects, and unit exams.

Example:
Terrestrial Biome Power Point Presentation – R,U,Ap,An,E,C
Carbon Cycle Diagram – R,U,Ap,An,E,C
Climate Change Proposal – R,U,Ap,An,E,C
Climate Change Test – R,U,Ap,An,E
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Accommodations/Modifications:

Accommodations and/or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs.
Carbon Cycle Diagram – change number three to "list steps of the carbon cycle"; do not require students to write a paragraph that explains the steps, change rubric to match.
Climate Change Proposal – change the amount of information required in the assignment from ten to eight (provide a list of fossil fuels and what we use them for), read guidelines out loud and show/discuss grading rubric at the same time.
Climate Change Test – reword #21, delete #22, limit multiple choice answers from five to four, student may choose to answer two of the four open ended questions, allow two class periods to complete the test if needed, offer oral reading/rewording of test questions.

Performance Assessments:

Students will demonstrate mastery of performance skills through completion of lab activities and research projects.

Example:
Terrestrial Biome Power Point Presentation – R,U,Ap,An,E,C
Carbon Cycle Diagram – R,U,Ap,An,E,C

Climate Change Proposal – R,U,Ap,An,E,C

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Accommodations/Modifications:

Accommodations and/or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs.

Biome Power Point Presentation – Group students by academic needs; provide a list of biome choices.

Carbon Cycle Diagram – change number three to "list steps of the carbon cycle", do not require students to write a paragraph that explains the steps, change rubric to match.

Climate Change Proposal – change the amount of information required in assignment from ten to eight (provide a list of fossil fuels and what we use them for), read guidelines out loud and show/discuss grading rubric at the same time.

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Unit 6: Energy Resources

PART I: UNIT RATIONALE

WHY ARE STUDENTS LEARNING THIS CONTENT AND THESE SKILLS?

Course/Unit Title: **Environmental Science/ Energy Resources** **Grade Level(s):** **10-12**	**Unit Summary**: This unit will explore the energy resources available for human usage and the pros and cons of using each of these resources. There are three categories of energy resources, non-renewable, renewable and inexhaustible. Each of these energy resources, with the exception of geothermal energy, originally gets its energy from the sun. The students will develop an understanding that energy is transformed from solar energy into the different types of energy that they experience in their lives. The unit will begin with a discussion about non-renewable energy resources, fossil fuels and nuclear power, and their pros and cons. Fossil fuels are the predominant energy resource used by humans because they are capable of producing energy at a relatively low cost despite time of year or location and are easily transported. However, they take millions of years to form and contribute to air and water pollution and are contributors to climate change. Nuclear power is also relatively inexpensive to produce and can be used despite external conditions. Nuclear power also has the added advantage of not contributing to air pollution. However, it also contributes to water pollution in the form of thermal pollution, involves the production of radioactive waste that must be stored for thousands of years and involves the risk of power plant melt downs. The unit will then shift focus to renewable and inexhaustible energy resources. Renewable energy resources are also referred to as biomass. Inexhaustible energy resources include wind power, hydropower, geothermal energy and solar energy. The pros and cons of using each of these resources will be explored. Students will be responsible for creating a project that educates people about one of these energy resources. This unit has connections to the previous units on Astronomy, Earth's history, and plate tectonics. Concepts introduced in this unit, such as the carbon cycle and air and water pollution, will be further developed the units on atmosphere, climate, land and water resources.
Essential Question(s): 1. How is energy from the Sun transferred and transformed within Earth's spheres? 2. How do geologic events occurring today provide insight into Earth's	**Enduring Understanding(s):** 1. Most of the energy that we use today originally comes from the sun and is converted into different forms. 2. Fossil fuels form from the decay of organisms that lived millions of years ago. It takes millions of years for them to form from Earth's processes and we will eventually run out if we continue to consume

past? 3. Is it possible for humans to influence a system as large as climate? 4. To what extent can human behaviors impact our planet's life support system (environment)?	them at the current rate. 3. Using fossil fuels contributes to air and water pollution and climate change. 4. Nuclear power is a relatively cheap alternative to using fossil fuels but it has possible dangerous consequences. 4. Biomass resources such as wood and ethanol are renewable energy resources that can be used as alternatives to fossil fuels. However, they contribute to air pollution and can have negative implications for food prices. 4. Solar power, wind power, geothermal energy and hydroelectric power are all inexhaustible energy resources that do not contribute to air or water pollution. However, they are not available in all locations or at all times and there are drawbacks to using each of these resources.

PART II: INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES

DESCRIBE THE LEARNING TARGETS.

After each target, identify the NJCCCS or Common Core Standards that are applicable

Learning Target	**NJCCCS or CCS**
1. Identify the 5 types of energy 2. State the law of conservation of energy 3. Describe how energy from the sun is converted into each of the different forms of energy 4. Identify examples of nonrenewable energy resources 5. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of using fossil fuels 6. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of using nuclear energy 7. Compare and contrast inexhaustible and renewable energy resources 8. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of using biomass as an energy resource 9. Describe the advantages of using solar energy, wind energy, geothermal energy, and hydropower 10. Explain why inexhaustible and renewable resources are used less than nonrenewable resources 11. Use desktop publishing programs to create a product that educates the public about alternatives to fossil fuels. 12. Compare and contrast the affect of using of fossil fuels and alternative energy resources on the carbon cycle and global climate.	**1. Science:** 5.1 A 1-3, 5.1 D 1-2, 5.4 E 1 **Other Content Areas:** 6.1.12.C.12, 6.1.12.C16, 6.2.12.C.5, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **2. Science:** 5.4 E 1 **Other Content Areas:** 6.1.12.C.12, 6.1.12.C16, 6.2.12.C.5, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5,

	9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **3**. **Science:** 5.4 E 1 **Other Content Areas:** 6.1.12.C.12, 6.1.12.C16, 6.2.12.C.5, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **4. Science:** 5.4 G 5-7 **Other Content Areas:** 2.2.12.B.1, 6.1.12.B.6, 6.1.12.B.9, 6.1.12.C.12, 6.1.12.C.13, 6.1.12.C16, 6.2.12.C.5, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **5. Science:** 5.3 C2, 5.4 E 3, 5.4 G 3-7 **Other Content Areas:** 2.2.12.B.1, 6.1.12.B.6, 6.1.12.B.9, 6.1.12.C.12, 6.1.12.C.13, 6.1.12.C16, 6.2.12.C.5, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **6. Science:** 5.2 D 4, 5.3

	C 2, 5.4 G 3-7 **Other Content Areas:** 2.2.12.B.1, 6.1.12.B.6, 6.1.12.B.9, 6.1.12.C.12, 6.1.12.C.13, 6.1.12.C16, 6.2.12.C.5, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **7. Science:** 5.4 G 3-7 **Other Content Areas:** 2.2.12.B.1, 6.1.12.B.6, 6.1.12.B.9, 6.1.12.C.12, 6.1.12.C.13, 6.1.12.C16, 6.2.12.C.5, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **8**. **Science:** 5.3 C 2, 5.4 E 3, 5.4 G 3-7 **Other Content Areas:** 2.2.12.B.1, 6.1.12.B.6, 6.1.12.B.9, 6.1.12.C.12, 6.1.12.C.13, 6.1.12.C16, 6.2.12.C.5, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **9. Science:** 5.3 C 2, 5.4

	E 3, 5.4 G 3-7 **Other Content Areas:** 2.2.12.B.1, 6.1.12.B.6, 6.1.12.B.9, 6.1.12.C.12, 6.1.12.C.13, 6.1.12.C16, 6.2.12.C.5, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **10. Science:** 5.3 C 2, 5.4 E 2-3, 5.4 G 5-7 **Other Content Areas:** 2.2.12.B.1, 6.1.12.B.6, 6.1.12.B.9, 6.1.12.C.12, 6.1.12.C.13, 6.1.12.C16, 6.2.12.C.5, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **11. Science:** 5.3 C 2, 5.4 E 3, 5.4 G 3-7 **Other Content Areas:** 2.2.12.B.1, 6.1.12.B.6, 6.1.12.B.9, 6.1.12.C.12, 6.1.12.C.13, 6.1.12.C16, 6.2.12.C.5, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10

	12. Science: 5.4 G 1-7 **Other Content Areas:** 2.2.12.B.1, 6.1.12.B.6, 6.1.12.B.9, 6.1.12.C.12, 6.1.12.C.13, 6.1.12.C16, 6.2.12.C.5, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10

Inter-Disciplinary Connections:

Material presented in this section will connect with material in Math, History, Language Arts and 21 Century Skills. Students will be analyzing graphs, discussing environmental implications of societal practices, writing responses to open ended/ essay questions and creating a desktop publication.

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Students will engage with the following text:

Earth Science, Glencoe
Modern Earth Science, Holt

"Energy Kids Page" Energy Information Administration. November 2007.
http://www.eia.gov/kids/energy.cfm?page=biomass_home-basics-k.cfm

Examples:
Nonrenewable energy resources pre-reading
Homework assignment- 5.1 reading outline
Biomass article with questions

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to questions when complete to ensure comprehension of all students upon completion of reading, provide students with summaries.

For Non-renewable Energy Resources: allow students to work in pairs, grouping by academic strengths and weaknesses, reduce numbers of questions to one for all boxes, photocopy and highlight key information corresponding with questions from pages 170-175 to reduce the amount of reading.

For Biomass article with questions: break reading assignment into five separate groups, assign students to small groups by academic strengths and weaknesses, have each group read and answer questions together with one recorder, fill out biomass chart (pros,cons,solutions) together using Smart Board or recreate on whiteboard with each group giving information from designated reading section,.

For 5.1 reading outline: read section out loud together, give the first and fourth step to formation of coal instead of requiring all five, go over all correct responses together as a class with answers recorded on the white board or Smart Board.

Students will write:

Students will use Cornell note taking strategies, write responses to open ended/essay questions, and create a desktop publication.

Examples:

Renewable/Inexhaustible Energy Project

Who killed the electric car? computer lab

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Accommodations/Modifications:

Accommodations and/or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs. These may include but not be limited to: writing prompts when answering critical thinking questions, reduce amount of writing, provide students with paper set up in Cornell notes format when taking notes, provide students with guided notes or copies of notes, give graphic organizers and time lines to help students organize concepts when applicable, reduce length requirements for writing assignments, reduce number of open-ended responses, grade content not spelling/grammar/mechanics when grading written assessments.

For Renewable/Inexhaustible Energy Project: pair students by academic strengths and weaknesses, give choice of giving notes or visuals (do not require both), do not require students to create a test (modified guidelines on TC shared, science, Sedgwick 2012 environmental curriculum).

For Electric Cars: A Computer Lab: do not require students to answer in complete sentences, watch the preview for the movie in class rather than viewing it on individual computers, discuss preview of movie concepts discussed, costs/benefits of electric cars, and alternative fuels before questions are answered independently, partner weak writers to work with stronger ones.

PART III: TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

DESCRIBE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

How will students uncover content and build skills.

- Students will be presented with material through text based readings, demonstrations and multi-media presentations utilizing, PowerPoint, videos and the internet.
- Students will work with/ investigate concepts through:
    - Individual research pertaining to an inexhaustible energy resource.
    - Inquiry activities pertaining to the carbon cycle.
- The teacher will guide whole class and small group discussions by monitoring student input and asking question to elicit student prior knowledge and expand conversation, and provide concrete examples to emphasize real world relevance.
- The students might reinforce concepts by analyzing their own personal energy use and designing and implementing a plan to conserve energy in their daily lives.
- The students might expand upon concepts by reading articles or visiting webpages that explore "green" technologies that are constantly being developed or investigating the energy resource options in their area.

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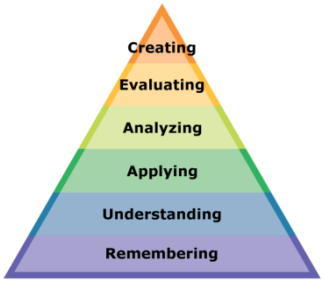
PART IV: EVIDENCE OF LEARNING

IDENTIFY THE METHODS BY WHICH STUDENTS WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF CONTENT AND THEIR ABILITY TO APPLY SKILLS.
IDENTIFY BLOOM'S LEVELS.



<u>Formative Assessments</u>:

Formative assessments will be in the form of homework assignments, periodic quizzes, text based questions and writing assignments.

Example:

Fossil fuel quiz- (Understanding)
Coal formation worksheet- (Analyzing)
Biomass Chart- (Analyzing)

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<u>Accommodations/Modifications</u>:

Accommodations and, or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs.
<u>Fossil Fuel Quiz</u>: do not require student to change the bolded word or words to make the statements true,
<u>Coal formation worksheet</u>: read and fill in answers together as a class recording correct responses on Smart Board or white board, increase space between questions and print size

Quiz- added time, work with students individually
<u>Biomass Chart</u>- complete first row as an example

<u>Summative Assessments</u>:

Students will be required to take a test(s) to demonstrate proficiency on the material presented in this unit.

Example: Test nonrenewable resources – (Evaluating)
Test renewable and inexhaustible energy resources- (Creating)
Test energy resources- (Evaluating)

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<u>Accommodations/Modifications</u>:

Accommodations and, or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs.
ADDED TIME, Split Unit into two tests (renewable/inexhaustible and nonrenewable), read test orally, provide options for open ended split unit tests into two tests (renewable/inexhaustible and nonrenewable), read test questions out loud and restate/reword when needed, give extra time to finish test,
<u>Test: Nonrenewable Energy Resources</u>: do not require student to correct the italicized word to make each statement read true (give extra credit if corrections are made), reduce number of multiple choice options, require students to answer two of three open ended questions (give all three and allow students to choose), list processes for number #18 to help guide drawing of carbon cycle.
<u>Test: Inexhaustible Energy</u>: reduce number of multiple choice options, chunk fill in the blank into two separate word banks and sections, for open ended question: list all five alternative energy sources, provide a map of high school campus,
<u>Test: Earth's Energy Resources</u>: allow students to write directly on unit test instead of using scantron, chunk matching section (part 1) into three sections of four terms each, reduce number of multiple choice options, and list all energy resources for open ended question for student to choose from.

<u>Performance Assessments:</u>

Students will be required to turn in homework, perform labs and work on small group assignments based on the material in this unit.

Example:
Renewable/inexhaustible project
Teaching project- (Create)
Informational brochure- (Create)
Carbon Cycle project- (Create)

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Accommodations/Modifications:

Accommodations and, or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs.
Alter grading rubric (example decrease value of spelling/grammar/punctuation for dyslexic students), demonstrate features of desk top publishing programs, work with students individually give students extra time to complete project, work with students individually, assess comprehension and progress of students throughout completion of projects,
Inexhaustible Energy Resources Brochure Project: review all energy resources and assess comprehension of students before allowing them a choice, demonstrate features of desktop publishing programs, do not require student to research #5, grade content not grammar/mechanics/spelling,
Renewable/Inexhaustible Energy Project: pair students by academic strengths and weaknesses, give choice of giving notes or visuals (do not require both), do not require students to create test,
Carbon Cycle Project: pair students academically, include diagram of carbon cycle on guideline sheet to help prompt creation of student's own version of cycle.

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Unit 7: Our Impact on Land

PART I: UNIT RATIONALE

WHY ARE STUDENTS LEARNING THIS CONTENT AND THESE SKILLS?

Course/Unit Title: **Environmental Science/ Our Impact on Land** **Grade Level(s):** **10-12**	**Unit Summary**: This unit will explore land as a natural resource and the impact of the growing human population on land. The unit will begin with a discussion of carrying capacity and the variety of ways in which humans utilize land. Connections will be drawn to the climate unit and the energy resources unit previously covered. The consequences of land usage by humans such as affects on micro climates, habitat destruction and ground water pollution will then be looked into. The students will research the GEMS landfill and create a web-quest designed to educate other students about the local impact of our land usage. The effects of land usage on ground water will be further developed in a unit on freshwater resources. The unit will end with a focus on preventative measures that can be taken to circumvent the negative effects of land usage and the remedies that have been developed to combat these negative effects once they have already occurred.
Essential Question(s): 1. Is there a limit to the number of people that can live on the Earth at one time? 2. To what extent can human behaviors impact our planet's life support system (environment)? 3. Why is it important to think in terms of systems of systems when considering environmental issues? 4. How do humans impact the diversity and stability of ecosystems? 5. Land is often overlooked as a natural resource. Why is land valuable resource? 6. What is meant by the statement "the Earth	**Enduring Understanding(s):** 1. Human activities have physical, chemical, and biological consequences for ecosystems; the magnitude of the impact depends in part on the sensitivity of the system to perturbation. 1. Advances in technology have increased the birth rate and average life span of humans which in turn has caused an increase in the rate of growth of the human population. 2. Organisms and their environments are interconnected. Humans can alter the living and non-living factors within an ecosystem, thereby creating changes in the overall system. 3. Ecosystems are the result of the interactions among Earth's biosphere, geosphere, atmosphere, and hydrosphere. 4. Humans have the ability to prevent and remedy the pollution caused by their usage of land. Some sources of pollution are more easily controlled and treated than others. 5. Land is a limited resource that is necessary for life sustaining activities. 6. The Earth's natural resources exist in fixed quantities and are recycled

recycles?"	through natural processes.

PART II: INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES

DESCRIBE THE LEARNING TARGETS.

After each target, identify the NJCCCS or Common Core Standards that are applicable

Learning Target	**NJCCCS or CCS**
1. Explain what happens as we approach carrying capacity. 2. Evaluate the historical influence of modern medical technology, sanitation and agricultural practices on the rate of growth of the human population since 1800. 3. Explain why land is a valuable natural resource by listing the different ways that humans use land. 4. Describe the negative impacts that different uses of land by humans can have on the environment. 5. Describe and evaluate methods that can be used to prevent and remedy pollution caused by different uses of land by humans. 6. Explain the advantages of recycling. **7.** Select ways to conserve resources.	**1. Science:** 5.4 G 2 **Other Content Areas:** 2.2.12.B.1, 6.1.12.B.6, 6.1.12.B.9, 6.1.12.C.13, 6.1.12.B.16, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **2. Science:** 5.4 G 6 **Other Content Areas:** 2.2.12.B.1, 6.1.12.D.6, 6.1.12.C.12, 6.1.12.C16, 6.2.12.C.3, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **3. Science:** 5.4 G (5-6) **Other Content Areas:** 2.2.12.B.1, 6.1.12.B.6, 6.1.12.B.9, 6.1.12.C.12, 6.1.12.C.13, 6.1.12.C16, 6.2.12.C.5, 7.1.IL.A.7,

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Inter-Disciplinary Connections:

Material presented in this section will connect with material in Math, History, and Language Arts. Students will be analyzing graphs, discussing how scientific and societal changes have affected the growth of the human population, and performing calculations to predict how large the human population will be in the future.

Examples:

- Think/ Pair/ Share – Look at the graph on page 575 of the text (Earth Science, Glenco). What happened to the rate of population growth after 1800? Why do you think this occurred?
- Lab "A World Full of People"
- Reinforcement worksheet- Predicting Population Growth
- Interactive maps as part of multimedia presentations
    - http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/earth/global-population-growth.html
    - http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/earth/earth-peril.html

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Students will engage with the following text:

Earth Science, Glenco

Examples: Group Work/ Discussion pages 574 through 589

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Accommodations/Modifications:

Accommodations and/or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs. These may include but not be limited to: photocopy pages in textbook and give students reading materials in advance so they can pre-read, highlight, ask questions, and then re-read materials in class, highlight or underline main ideas in reading materials, provide guiding questions to complete when reading to ensure understanding of key concepts, discuss answers to questions when complete to assess comprehension of all students upon completion of reading, provide students with summaries,

Group Work/Discussion: group stronger and weaker readers together, reduce length of reading material, highlight the most important concepts in each section to reduce length or rewrite a condensed version, provide guiding questions for the group to answer together as they read out loud, discuss answers to questions out loud and record correct answers on the Smart Board or white board and then give typed copy of responses, have students write summaries as a group and then type all summaries and give copies to students.

Students will write:

Students will use Cornell note taking strategies, write written responses to warm up questions and conclude and apply questions in labs.

Examples: Believe it or not activity (warm up/follow up formative assessment)
Lab "A World Full of People"

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For Land Usage Believe It or Not Engage Activity: group stronger and weaker readers together when assigning groups, give weaker readers shorter statements.

For A World Full of People Lab: give students five minutes to answer pre-lab questions after reading lab procedure out loud together, reduce number of popcorn kernels to add to map (9.5 kernels or beans = 95 million instead of 95 kernels or beans = 95 million), increase time representing one year (three minutes instead of one), answer all conclude and apply questions in small groups with teacher circulation or as a class with answers being recorded on Smart Board or white board.

For Hazardous Waste Concept Map: Read directions out loud at the beginning of the lab, have students cut and paste terms from word bank instead of writing them in boxes, complete concept map in small groups grouping academically stronger and weaker students together, go over all answers to concept map together out loud when lab is complete with teacher or student recording correct answers on Smart Board or white board, give

copies of typed concept map to students

PART III: TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

DESCRIBE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

<u>How</u> will students uncover content and build skills.

- Students will be presented with material through multi-media presentations utilizing PowerPoint, videos and interactive maps, text based readings and analysis of graphs.
- Students will work with/ investigate concepts through:
  - Whole class and small group discussions about land usage and conservation of resources
  - Lab activities pertaining to population growth, carrying capacity and waste disposal

- The teacher will guide whole class and small group discussions by monitoring student input and asking question to elicit student prior knowledge and expand conversation, and provide concrete examples to emphasize real world relevance.
- The students might reinforce concepts by completing graphic organizers or creating posters demonstrating ways that the negative impact of land usage by humans can be decreased.
- The students might expand upon concepts by visiting http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/earth/earth-peril.html and accessing the interactive maps.

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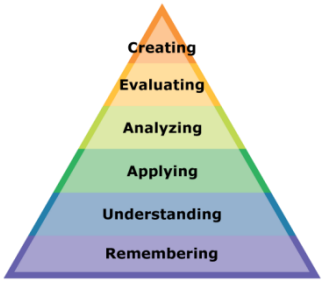
PART IV: EVIDENCE OF LEARNING



IDENTIFY THE METHODS BY WHICH STUDENTS WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF CONTENT AND THEIR ABILITY TO APPLY SKILLS.

IDENTIFY BLOOM'S LEVELS.

<u>Formative Assessments</u>:

Formative assessments will be in the form of oral question and answer, periodic quizzes, text based questions, group work and lab extension questions.

Example: Believe it or not activity (warm up/ follow up formative assessment)**–** Evaluating
Quiz "Carrying Capacity and Population" - Analyzing
Hazardous Waste Concept map**-** Analyzing
Reinforcement worksheet- Predicting Population Growth

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<u>Accommodations/Modifications</u>:

Accommodations and, or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs.
ADDED TIME / provide formula or examples for performing calculations, bold key words in text based questions
Land Usage Believe It or Not Engage Activity: group stronger and weaker readers together when assigning groups, give weaker readers shorter statements,
Carrying Capacity and Population Quiz: #1 List two reasons instead of three, #2 give definition of carrying capacity, add labeled y axis, replace graph using data points instead of human bodies, #8 re-word question to read," What is the difference between each year increment on the x axis?"
Hazardous Waste Concept Map: Read directions out loud at the beginning of the lab, have students cut and paste terms from word bank instead of writing them in boxes, complete concept map in small groups grouping academically stronger and weaker students together, go over all answers to concept map together out loud when lab is complete with teacher or student recording correct answers on Smart Board or white board, give copies of typed concept map to students,
Predicting Population Growth: Read the bullets at the top of worksheet out loud as a class, have students answer questions in groups rather than individually, record group responses on one worksheet instead of individual, review percentage proportions before completion of #3, review group responses together out loud as a class with correct answers recorded on Smart Board or white board.

Summative Assessments:

Students will be required to take a test to demonstrate proficiency on the material presented in this unit.
Example: Our Impact on Land Test –Evaluate
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Accommodations/Modifications:

Accommodations and, or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs.
ADDED TIME/ word bank/ reduce number of multiple choice options/ choose one for open ended instead of doing all/ give test orally/ reword questions
Our Impact on Land Test: allow students to record answers directly onto the test instead of answer key, reduce number of choices from four to three in multiple choice section, reduce sections of outline from three to two in part III, add labeled y axis and use data points instead of human figures on graph, delete # 25, reduce open ended questions from three to two in part V, take out required math calculation in # 26

Performance Assessments:

Students will be required to turn in homework and perform labs and work on small group assignments based on the material in this unit.
Example: Land Usage Poster – (Create)

S:\Staff\Science\curriculum writing project ES\Our Impact on Land Examples
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Accommodations/Modifications:

Accommodations and, or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs.
Reword questions/ work with students one on one – What happens to trash lab
Modify grading rubric on an individual basis/ provide graphic organizer to help visualize ideas
Land Usage Poster Project: group by academic strengths and weaknesses, provide copy of written notes to provide information needed, provide graph paper and art supplies for project, give class time to work in groups on poster, provide graphic organizers to help visualize ideas, show example poster, extended time to complete the poster, modify grading rubric on an individual/group basis, offer after school assistance in the LMC to research requirements using the internet.

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Unit 8: Our Impact on Water

PART I: UNIT RATIONALE

WHY ARE STUDENTS LEARNING THIS CONTENT AND THESE SKILLS?

<table>
<tr><td>Course/Unit Title:
Environmental Science/ Water Resources
Grade Level(s):
10-12</td><td>Unit Summary:
This unit will explore the impact of human activity on the Earth's water resources. It will connect to the previous units on our impact on land, climate and energy resources, and demonstrate the interconnectedness of the Earth's spheres and geochemical cycles.

The unit will begin with a discussion about the importance of the Earth's fresh water resources. The focus will then shift to how much of the Earth's water is usable fresh water as opposed to salt water and where usable water can be found. The Earth's hydrologic cycle will be analyzed. Students will explore ways in which humans affect the hydrologic cycle. Humans can cause water pollution both directly and indirectly as a result of air pollution and land usage. This examination of the hydrologic cycle will bring into focus the interconnectedness of the hydrosphere, atmosphere and geosphere. Students will come to an understanding that human activities that affect the water cycle also impact surrounding ecosystems due to the interconnectedness of the Earth's spheres. The unit will culminate with a discussion about personal water usage and what each individual can do at home to conserve water and prevent water pollution.</td></tr>
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1. Over 70% of the earth is comprised of water. Why do we need to conserve it?
2. What are some ways in which the Earth recycles?
3. Why is it important to think in terms of systems of systems when considering environmental issues?
4. To what extent can human behaviors impact our planet's life support system (environment)?
5. How do humans impact</td><td>Enduring Understanding(s):
1. Although Earth is over 70% water only a limited amount is usable fresh water.

2. The water that is present on the Earth today is the same water that was here when dinosaurs roamed the Earth. Nature constantly filters and recycles water through the Earth's hydrologic cycle.

3. Ecosystems are the result of the interactions among Earth's biosphere, geosphere, atmosphere, and hydrosphere. Changes in one part of the system will affect other parts of the system.

4. Human activities have physical, chemical, and biological consequences for ecosystems; the magnitude of the impact depends in part on the sensitivity of the system.

5. Organisms and their environments are interconnected. Humans can alter the living and non-living factors within an ecosystem,</td></tr>
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PART II: INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES

DESCRIBE THE LEARNING TARGETS.

After each target, identify the NJCCCS or Common Core Standards that are applicable

Learning Target	**NJCCCS or CCS**
1. Identify reasons why fresh water is important for life. 2. Compare the amount of water on the planet to the amount of usable water available. 3. Use the hydrologic cycle to explain why the water we use today is the same water that has been used since Dinosaurs roamed the Earth. 4. Identify types of water pollution and their effects. 5. Categorize pollution sources as point source or non point source pollution. 6. List and discuss ways to reduce water pollution. 7. Develop a plan to clean up a polluted body of fresh water and prevent it from becoming polluted again in the future. 8. Calculate water use footprint and select ways to conserve water on a daily basis.	**1. Science:** 5.4 G 4, 7 **Other Content Areas:** 2.2.12.B.1, 6.1.12.D.6, 6.1.12.C.12, 6.1.12.B.16, 6.1.12.C.16, 6.2.12.C.5, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **2. Science:** 5.4 G 4, 7 **Other Content Areas:** 2.2.12.B.1, 6.1.12.D.6, 6.1.12.C.12, 6.1.12.B.16, 6.1.12.C.16, 6.2.12.C.5, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR RST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, WHST.9-10.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 OR WHST.11-12.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 **3. Science:** 5.4 G 7 **Other Content Areas:** 6.1.12.D.6, 6.1.12.C.12, 6.1.12.C16, 6.2.12.C.5, 7.1.IL.A.7, 9.1.12.A.1, 9.1.12.B, 9.4O, RST.9-

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Inter-Disciplinary Connections:

Material presented in this section will connect with material in Math, History, and Language Arts. Students will be calculating percentages and creating and analyzing graphs, discussing environmental implications of societal

practices and political decisions, and writing responses to open ended/ essay questions.

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Students will engage with the following text:

Earth Science, Glenco
www.grinningplanet.com- water pollution article series

Examples:
www.grinningplanet.com – water pollution article series group activity

Homework assignment- Read chapter 21 section 1 with reinforcement worksheet

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Accommodations/Modifications:
Accommodations and/or modifications will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with individual student needs. These may include but not be limited to: photocopy pages in textbook and give students reading materials in advance so they can pre-read, highlight, ask questions, and then re-read materials in class, highlight or underline main ideas in reading materials, provide guiding questions to complete when reading to ensure understanding of key concepts, discuss answers to questions when complete to assess comprehension of all students upon completion of reading, provide students with summaries, when assigning independent reading pair weaker readers with strong.
Grinning Planet Water Pollution Articles Series Group Activity: on the first day group stronger readers with weaker ones, have a strong reader read the article out loud to other group members, assess comprehension of entire group before moving assigning letters on the second day.
Chapter 21 section 1 and reinforcement worksheet: read section one out loud to entire class and assess comprehension by asking oral questions and discussing answers before independent completion of reinforcement worksheet, after completion go over all answers together as a class and record correct responses on Smart Board or white board.

Students will write:

Students will use Cornell note taking strategies, write responses to open ended/essay questions, perform calculations involving percentages.
Examples:
Water Pollution Lab
Water Resources Bingo

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notes format when taking notes, provide students with guided notes or copies of notes, give graphic organizers and time lines to help students organize concepts when applicable, reduce length of requirements for writing assignments, reduce number of open ended responses, grade content not spelling/grammar/mechanics when grading written assessments.

Water Pollution Lab: read the Background Material out loud and assess comprehension of all students prior to individual completion, have students choose two specific pollutants in their lake and deal just with them instead of all of the pollutants in the lake when creating bar graph, assist with all percentage calculations if needed, do not deduct points if answers are not in complete sentences, discuss strategies before required proposal writing. (modified lab)

Water Resources Bingo: Write a list of terms from unit for students to choose from when creating their own water bingo sheet, provide free space in the center of the board, allow four corners.

Geochemical Cycles Lab: provide definitions of seven vocabulary terms and require students to define the remaining seven, attach diagram of rock, water, carbon, and nitrogen cycle and assess comprehension of students for each cycle prior to lab, reduce number of questions under each cycle, answer the analysis questions out loud together recording the correct responses on Smart Board or white board, reduce writing requirement under conclusion section, have students come up with one way that different geochemical cycles can affect each other instead of three.

PART III: TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

DESCRIBE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

How will students uncover content and build skills.

- Students will be presented with material through text based readings, demonstrations and multi-media presentations utilizing, PowerPoint and videos.
- Students will work with/ investigate concepts through:
    - Whole class and small group discussions about water resources, water pollution and water conservation.
    - Lab activities pertaining to geochemical cycles, and water pollution.

- The teacher will guide whole class and small group discussions by monitoring student input and asking question to elicit student prior knowledge and expand conversation, and provide concrete examples to emphasize real world relevance.
- The students might reinforce concepts by completing graphic organizers or creating posters to educate people about personal water conservation.
- The students might expand upon concepts by visiting web sites aimed at water conservation and pollution education such as http://www.epa.gov/gateway/science/water.html , or http://www.watereducation.org/doc.asp?id=1022.
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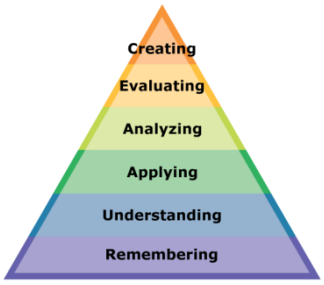
PART IV: EVIDENCE OF LEARNING

IDENTIFY THE METHODS BY WHICH STUDENTS WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF CONTENT AND THEIR ABILITY TO APPLY SKILLS.

IDENTIFY BLOOM'S LEVELS.



Formative Assessments:

Formative assessments will be in the form of homework assignments, periodic quizzes, text based questions and writing assignments.

Example:

Water Resources Bingo- Analyzing

Water Cycle Quiz- Analyzing

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Accommodations/Modifications:

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Water Cycle Quiz: extended time, provide diagram of water cycle with words deleted to help jog memory, provide multiple choice options, read questions out loud and reword if necessary, provide diagram of nitrogen, carbon, and rock cycle to guide student when answering number five,

Water Resources Bingo: Write a list of terms from unit for students to choose from when creating their own water bingo sheet, provide free space in the center of the board, allow four corners.

Summative Assessments:

Students will be required to take a test to demonstrate proficiency on the material presented in this unit.

Example: Test "Our Impact on Water" - Evaluating

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ADDED TIME - PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT INSTEAD OF MC - CONCEPTUAL BASED ASSIGNMENTS - STUDENT CHOICE FROM LIST OF POSSIBILITIES

Our Impact on Water test: allow students to write on assessment instead of recording answers on scantron sheet, be sure that all multiple choice options fit on the page and do not run onto the next, read out loud and reword test questions if needed, give word bank with options to complete the chart for # 18-20, provide diagram of nitrogen cycle, carbon, or rock cycle to help guide response to # 21, reduce number of examples required for # 22, do not require student to answer, "What is the land near this lake likely used for?" under #23, reduce required open ended from three to two questions, performance assessments instead of multiple choice, conceptual based assignments, student choice from list of possibilities.

Performance Assessments:

Students will be required to turn in homework, perform labs and work on small group assignments based on the material in this unit.

Example:

Geochemical Cycles Lab- Analyzing

Water Pollution Lab- Creating

Personal Water Use Conservation Group Activity- Creating

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Water Use Conservation Group Activity: Group students by academic strengths and weaknesses, record all student responses on white board or Smart Board, reduce number of categories under #6, assist with multiplication to find total amount of water used per activity,

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Syllabus

Environmental Science

Course Content

Earth operates as a set of complex, dynamic, and interconnected systems, and is a part of the all-encompassing system of the universe. In this course, students will learn about the Earth's place in the Universe as well as the processes that continue to shape it. They will be better prepared to make choices about how to use and conserve the earth's resources. Through reading, writing, discussion, and lab work, students will study the structure of the earth's surface, atmosphere and oceans. This course prepares students for a summative assessment unifying the following themes and objectives (with state standards).

September: A.) Astronomy (5.1.12.A.1-D.3; 5.4.12.A.1-6)

- Cite evidence for the origin of the universe according to the Big Bang theory
- Explain the formation of galaxies, star and planets
- Describe the structure of our solar system

October/November: B.)Earth's History (5.1.12.A.1-D.3; 5.4.12.B.1-3)

- Trace the evolution of the Earth's surface, atmosphere and oceans, and life forms
- Correlate rock strata using index fossils and other relative dating techniques
- Account for the evolution of species using absolute-dating of fossils
- Describe changes the Earth undergoes as a result of natural processes.

December: C.) Plate Tectonics (5.1.12.A.1-D.3; 5.4.12.D.1)

- Trace the development of the theory of plate tectonics from the hypotheses of continental drift and seafloor spreading, using mathematical and conceptual models
- Describe features on Earth (e.g. volcanoes and earthquakes) resulting from the movement of Earth's crust, and the impact of those events on human life and property

January: D.) Atmosphere (5.1.12.A.1-D.3; 5.4.12.C.1-2; 5.4.12.E.1-2; 5.4.12.F.1 -3)

- Analyze the vertical structure of Earth's atmosphere and account for the global, regional, and local variations of these characteristics and their impacts on life
- Explain the interrelationships and interdependence among the Earth's systems
- Model the physical science principles that account for the global energy budget.
- Analyze the greenhouse effect in terms of natural and anthropogenic inputs

February/March: E) Climate (5.1.12.A.1-D.3; 5.4.12.C.1-2; 5.4.12.E.1-2; 5.4.12.F.1 -3)

- Explain the interrelationships and interdependence among the Earth's systems
- Explain how climates are affected by seasonal weather patterns, the Earth's relationship to the Sun, and by complex interactions between land, ocean, ice, and atmosphere.
- Predict the impact of anthropogenic climate change
- Calculate an individual's carbon footprint

April-June: F.) Energy, Land and Water Resources (5.1.12.A.1-D.3; 5.4.12.G.1 -7)

- Model biogeochemical models such as the hydrologic, carbon and nitrogen cycles
- Predict the impact of human activity on the cycling of matter and energy
- Assess the impact of human activity on Earth's land, oceans, atmosphere, and biota
- Evaluate, using scientific, economic, and other data, the potential environmental impact of large-scale adoption of emerging technologies to harness new sources of energy

Course Expectations & Skills

1. Create and maintain a class notebook
2. Write expository pieces such as opinion papers
3. Describe the contributions of scientists who made major discoveries and technological advances to solve today's problems.
4. Produce creative projects such as models of the solar system and posters to generate public awareness about issues facing society
5. Work collaboratively on activities such as inquiry-based experiments and group presentations

Textbook

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Grading Policy

Tests/Quizzes 50% Lab Reports/Projects 25% Homework /Classwork 25%