

Portland Public Schools Middle Level Syllabus Template

School Year <u>2016-2017</u>

Teacher: Kevin Marquardt		School: Hosford Middle School	
Subject: Science	Course Title: Integrated Sc	ience	Grade Level(s): 6th
Prerequisites: None			
Course descriptions			

Course description:

This year, your child is using a science course developed by SEPUP, the Science Education for Public Understanding Program. SEPUP has developed and published innovative and highly acclaimed middle school curriculum for more than 30 years, and was funded by the National Science Foundation.

SEPUP is an engaging hands-on course based on the educational approach of scientific inquiry.

Priority Standards: You can access the text books by logging onto www.lab-aids.com

Login: science Password: inspires

Priority Standards:

Oregon has now adopted the Next Generation Science Standards. Students will begin being assessed according to these standards in the 15-16 school year. These standards represent a more rigorous way for students to learn science, by focusing more on major conceptual understanding, combined with the use of science and engineering practices, and an awareness of cross-cutting concepts that are relevant to all of science.

Link to NGSS Standards online: http://www.nextgenscience.org/

Link to CCSS for Science/Technical Writing: http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-

Literacy/RST/6-8/

Link to CCSS Writing Standards for grades 6-8: http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-

Literacy/W/8/

Link to CCSS Speaking and Listening Standards for grades 6-8:

http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/SL/8/

Schedule of topics/units covered:

Schedule of topics/units covered:

This year's main topics of study will include: Studying People Scientifically, Weather and Climate, Energy, Cell Biology, Body Works, and Sex Ed.

In addition to the SEPUP instruction, we will interject some other relevant activities and projects as we see fit such as inquiry projects.

Three day units on Outdoor School and HIV/STDs will also be presented.

Academic Vocabulary:

See www.lab-aids.com. Vocab words are located at the start of each activity.

District adopted materials

SEPUP Issues and Life Science, Issues and Earth Science, and Issues and Physical Science

Supplemental resources: none

Differentiation/ accessibility strategies and support (TAG, ELL, SpEd, other):

Flexible grouping

Depth and complexity extensions

Rate and level curricular adjustments

Tiered lessons

Diverse questioning strategies

Final proficiencies:

State Inquiry Work sample(s) that successfully score 4 or higher in all 4 aspects of the State Inquiry Scoring Guide (different from the regular 4 point rubric). Demonstration of understanding of the PPS and Oregon Science standards on teacher made tests or portfolios of student work. Students will also be assessed on their ability to practice sound scientific techniques by keeping an organized and complete Lab Notebook as a record of their investigations.

Essential skills to be taught or assessed:

Read and comprehend

Write clearly and accurately

Listen actively and speak clearly

Apply mathematics

Think critically

Personal management and teamwork

Use technology

Civic and Community Engagement

Global Literacy

Assessment/evaluation/grading policy:

- (HP) **Highly Proficient**: Thorough and enhanced evidence of meeting the learning target. These scores often reflect the ability to tie many concepts together and go above and beyond what is covered in class in a significant way. A relatively few number of students perform at this level.
- (PR) **Proficient**: Evidence of meeting learning target. This is where students should be for their grade level and most students that show consistent effort tend to perform in this area. With standards based assessment, students who perform at this level of work can be considered a success.
- (CP) Close to Proficient: Partial evidence of meeting learning target. This usually means that students understand parts of the material, but may be missing some

- knowledge or are unable to put it together into a coherent whole.
- (DP) **Developing Proficiency**: Demonstrating little understanding of learning target. This usually means that students aren't able to show that they know the material.

Behavioral expectations:

ATTENDANCE: It is expected that students will be present in class every day unless a note from a parent or guardian is provided and the absence is excused. Students are responsible for making up all work missed while they are absent in order to receive a grade for that work. Make up work is difficult (and sometimes impossible) to complete, especially for labs that require special set up or live specimens, therefore regular attendance is strongly encouraged. Make up work for excused absences will be accepted for up to three days after the student returns to school or by special arrangement. Make up work for unexcused absences will be accepted at my discretion.

TARDINESS: When students are tardy they miss the instructions and set up for the whole day's work. This is a very important time for the whole class. If you are tardy please come in quietly, and wait to get the information you missed, so as not to disturb the class any more than necessary.

HALL PASSES: Hall passes will be issued only in emergencies and not within the 10 minute periods at the beginning and end of a class. You are expected to complete such business within 5 minutes. Hall passes are located by the door. Give me a Marquardt Pass and sign out and in.

RULES: It is my philosophy that every student has the right to a classroom environment that is conducive to learning and free from unnecessary disruptions. It is each student's responsibility to behave in a manner that is respectful of the rights of all members of the class.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES: Not allowed.

Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Responsible
All other rules are related to these three rules.

Electronic devices are not allowed at Hosford and will be confiscated if seen and turned into the main office for parent to pick up.

CONTACT INFORMATION: If you need to contact me my email address <u>is</u> <u>kmarquar@pps.net</u> ,and my prep period is 8th period. You can contact me by phone at 503-916-5640 x70367 8th period or after school.

Safety issues and requirements:

Students must share and return the **required** PPS Lab Safety Agreement with signature of parent or guardian before they can participate in lab activities. They should adhere to all aspects of safety included in that document.

http://inside.curriculum.pps.k12.or.us/.docs/pg/11031

Signature of instructor completing this form: **Teachers sign here**