MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Biology Curriculum Pacing Guide

1 st 9 Weeks	SOL Objectives	Vocabulary
90 Minute	BIO.1 The student will demonstrate an understanding of scientific reasoning, logic, and the	Observations,
Class:	nature of science by planning and conducting investigations in which:	hypotheses,
7 Days	a) observations of living organisms are recorded in the lab and in the field;	variables,
, i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	b) hypotheses are formulated based on direct observations and information from scientific literature;	investigations, data
	c) variables are defined and investigations are designed to test hypotheses;	analysis, conclusions,
	d) graphing and arithmetic calculations are used as tools in data analysis;	quantitative and
45 Minute	e) conclusions are formed based on recorded quantitative and qualitative data;	qualitative data,
Class:	 f) sources of error inherent in experimental design are identified and discussed; g) validity of data is determined; 	experimental design, validity, modeling,
14 Days	 g) validity of data is determined; h) chemicals and equipment are used in a safe manner; 	simulation,
- 5 -	i) appropriate technology including computers, graphing calculators, and probeware, is used for	experimental
	gathering and analyzing data, communicating results, modeling concepts, and simulating	conditions, scientific
	experimental conditions;	hypothesis, theory,
	j) research utilizes scientific literature;	and law
	k) differentiation is made between a scientific hypothesis, theory, and law;	
	l) alternative scientific explanations and models are recognized and analyzed; and	
	m) current applications of biological concepts are used.	
90 Minute	BIO.8 The student will investigate and understand dynamic equilibria within populations,	Population, carrying
Class:	communities, and ecosystems. Key concepts include:	capacity, limiting
8 Days	a) interactions within and among populations including carrying capacities, limiting factors, and	factors, nutrient
0 Days	growth curves;	cycling, ecosystems,
45 Minute	b) nutrient cycling with energy flow through ecosystems;	succession, flora,
Class:	c) succession patterns in ecosystems;	fauna, biotic, abiotic,
16 Days	d) the effects of natural events and human activities on ecosystems; and	habitat, niche, community ,
10 Days	e) analysis of the flora, fauna, and microorganisms of Virginia ecosystems.	autotroph, hetrotroph
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90 Minute		Acids, bases,
Class:	BIO.2 The student will investigate and understand the chemical and biochemical principles	hydrogen bond,
7 Days	essential for life. Key concepts include:	macromolecules,
, in the second s	a) water chemistry and its impact on life processes;	monomer, enzymes,
45 Minute	b) the structure and function of macromolecules;	ionic bonds,
Class:	c) the nature of enzymes; and	covalent bonds,
14 Days	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	polarity, polymer,
		substrate

2 nd 9 Weeks	SOL Objectives	Vocabulary
90 Minute	BIO.3 The student will investigate and understand relationships between cell structure and	Cell theory,
Class:	function. Key concepts include:	prokaryote,
11 Days	a) evidence supporting the cell theory;	eukaryote,
	 b) characteristics of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells; 	organelles,
	c) similarities between the activities of the organelles in a single cell and a whole organism;	photosynthesis,
45 Minute	d) the cell membrane model; and	aerobic respiration,
Class:	e) the impact of surface area to volume ratio on cell division, material transport, and other life	diffusion, osmosis,
22 Days	processes.	anaerobic
		respiration, cellular
	BIO.2 The student will investigate and understand the chemical and biochemical principles	respiration,
	essential for life. Key concepts include:	fermentation
	d) The capture, storage, transformation, and flow of energy through the processes of	
	photosynthesis and respiration.	
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90 Minute	BIO.5 The student will investigate and understand common mechanisms of inheritance and	Haploid, Zygote,
Class:	protein synthesis: Key concepts include:	Diploid, Tetrad,
11 Days	a) cell growth and division;	Spermatogenesis,
	b) gamete formation;	Fertilization,
45 Minute	c) cell specialization;	Crossing Over,
Class:		Gamete,
22 Days		Conjugation,
		Meiosis, Oogenesis,
		Homologous,
		mitosis, independent
		independent
		assortment

3 rd 9 Weeks	SOL Objectives	Vocabulary
90 Minute Class: 11 Days 45 Minute Class: 22 Days	 BIO.5 The student will investigate and understand common mechanisms of inheritance and protein synthesis. Key concepts include: d) prediction of inheritance of traits based on the Mendelian laws of heredity; e) historical development of the structural model of DNA; f) genetic variation; g) the structure, function, and replication of nucleic acids; h) events involved in the construction of proteins; 	Allele, variation, genes, dominant, recessive, Mendelian Inheritance, cloning, transcription, translation, DNA, RNA, replication, electrophoresis,
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	j) exploration of the impact of DNA technologies.	restriction enzymes
90 Minute	BIO.4 The student will investigate and understand life functions of Archaea, Bacteria and	Archaebacteria,
Class:	Eukarya. Key concepts include:	Eubacteria,
11 Days	a) comparison of their metabolic activities;	Methanogen,
45 Minute	b) maintenance of homeostasis;c) how the structures and functions vary among and within the Eukarya kingdoms of protists,	Halophile, Thermophile, Bacilli- ,
Class:	c) how the structures and functions vary among and within the Eukarya kingdoms of protists, fungi, plants, and animals, including humans;	Cocci- , Spirilla- ,
22 Days	e) how viruses compare with organisms; and	Strepto- , Staphylo- ,
22 Days	f) evidence supporting the germ theory of infectious disease.	Autotroph,
		Phototroph,
		Chemotroph,
		Heterotroph,
		Photoheterotroph,
		aerobes, binary fission,
		Conjugation,
		Endospores,
		homeostasis, virus

4 th 9 Weeks	SOL Objectives	Vocabulary
90 Minute Class: 10 Days 45 Minute Class: 20 Days	 BIO.7 The student will investigate and understand how populations change through time. Key concepts include: a) evidence found in fossil records; b) how genetic variation, reproductive strategies, and environmental pressures impact the survival of populations; c) how natural selection leads to adaptations; d) emergence of new species; and e) scientific evidence and explanations for biological evolution. 	Evolution, Natural Selection, Mutation, Adaption, Genetic Drift, Sexual Selection, Geographic Isolation, Behavioral Isolation, Divergence, Speciation, Stasis, Gradualism, Punctuated Equilibrium, Homologous Structure, Analogous Structure, Vestigial Structure, Fossils, Phylogenic Tree, Macroevolution, Morphology
90 Minute Class: 10 Days 45 Minute Class: 20 Days	 BIO.6 The student will investigate and understand bases for modern classification systems. Key concepts include: a) structural similarities among organisms; b) fossil record interpretation; c) comparison of developmental stages in different organisms; d) examination of biochemical similarities and differences among organisms; and e) systems of classification that are adaptable to new scientific discoveries. 	Ancestral characteristic, Animalia, Chordata, Cladogram, Classification, Derived characteristics, Division, Hierarchical classification, Hominidae, Hominoidea, Homo, Identification, Linaeus, Mammalia, Monophyletic, Nomenclature, Paraphyletic, Phenetic, classification, Phyletic classification, Phyletic classification, Phylogenetic classification, Phylum, Polyphyletic, Primates, sapiens, Systematics, Taxa, Taxonomy, Vertebrata, Dichotomous Key, Domain.
90 Minute Class: 4 Days 45 Minute Class: 8 Days	SOL Review	