# **Grade 7: Embedded Inquiry**

## **Conceptual Strand**

*Understandings about scientific inquiry and the ability to conduct inquiry are essential for living in the 21st century.* 

## **Guiding Question**

What tools, skills, knowledge, and dispositions are needed to conduct scientific inquiry?

Grade Level Expectations	Checks for Understanding	State Performance Indicators
GLE 0707.Inq.1 Design and conduct openended scientific investigations.	✓0707.Inq.1 Design and conduct an open-ended scientific investigation to answer a question that includes a	SPI 0707.Inq.1 Design a simple experimental procedure with an identified control and appropriate variables.
GLE 0707.Inq.2 Use appropriate tools and	control and appropriate variables.	
techniques to gather, organize, analyze, and interpret data.	<b>√0707.Inq.2</b> Identify tools and	SPI 0707.Inq.2 Select tools and procedures needed to conduct a moderately complex
merpret data.	techniques needed to gather, organize,	experiment.
GLE 0707.Inq.3 Synthesize information to	analyze, and interpret data collected	
determine cause and effect relationships between evidence and explanations.	from a moderately complex scientific investigation.	<b>SPI 0707.Inq.3</b> Interpret and translate data in a table, graph, or diagram.
GLE 0707.Inq.4 Recognize possible sources of	<b>√0707.Inq.3</b> Use evidence from a	SPI 0707.Inq.4 Draw a conclusion that
bias and error, alternative explanations, and questions for further exploration.	dataset to determine cause and effect relationships that explain a phenomenon.	establishes a cause and effect relationship supported by evidence.
GLE 0707.Inq.5 Communicate scientific		SPI 0707.Inq.5 Identify a faulty
understanding using descriptions, explanations,	<b>√0707.Inq.4</b> Review an experimental	interpretation of data that is due to bias or
and models.	design to determine possible sources	experimental error.
	of bias or error, state alternative	
	explanations, and identify questions	

for further investigation.	
✓0707.Inq.5 Design a method to explain the results of an investigation using descriptions, explanations, or models.	

# **Grade 7: Embedded Technology & Engineering**

#### **Conceptual Strand**

Society benefits when engineers apply scientific discoveries to design materials and processes that develop into enabling technologies.

## **Guiding Question**

How do science concepts, engineering skills, and applications of technology improve the quality of life?

Grade Level Expectations	Checks for Understanding	State Performance Indicators
GLE 0707.T/E.1 Explore how technology responds to social, political, and economic needs.	<b>✓0707.T/E.1</b> Use appropriate tools to test for strength, hardness, and flexibility of materials.	<b>SPI 0707.T/E.1</b> Identify the tools and procedures needed to test the design features of a prototype.
GLE 0707.T/E.2 Know that the engineering design process involves an ongoing series of events that incorporate design constraints, model building, testing, evaluating, modifying, and	✓0707.T/E.2 Apply the engineering design process to construct a prototype that meets certain specifications.	<b>SPI 0707.T/E.2</b> Evaluate a protocol to determine if the engineering design process was successfully applied.
retesting.  GLE 0707.T/E.3 Compare the intended benefits with the unintended consequences of a new	✓0707.T/E.3 Explore how the unintended consequences of new technologies can impact society.	<b>SPI 0707.T/E.3</b> Distinguish between the intended benefits and the unintended consequences of a new technology.

technology.	✓0707.T/E.4 Research bioengineering	SPI 0707.T/E.4 Differentiate between
	technologies that advance health and	adaptive and assistive engineered products
GLE 0707.T/E.4 Describe and explain adaptive	contribute to improvements in our daily lives.	(e.g., food, biofuels, medicines, integrated
and assistive bioengineered products.		pest management).
	<b>✓0707.T/E.5</b> Develop an adaptive design and	
	test its effectiveness.	

# **Grade 7 - Life Science**

## Grade 7: Standard 1 - Cells

#### **Conceptual Strand 1**

All living things are made of cells that perform functions necessary for life.

## **Guiding Question 1**

How are plant and animals cells organized to carry on the processes of life?

Grade Level Expectations	Checks for Understanding	State Performance Indicators
GLE 0707.1.1 Make observations and describe	<b>✓0707.1.1</b> Examine and describe plant and	SPI 0707.1.1 Identify and describe the
the structure and function of organelles found in	animal cells using compound microscopes.	function of the major plant and animal cell
plant and animal cells.		organelles.
	<b>✓0707.1.2</b> Identify the function of the major	
<b>GLE 0707.1.2</b> Summarize how the different	plant and animal cellular organelles.	<b>SPI 0707.1.2</b> Interpret a chart to explain the
levels of organization are integrated within living		integrated relationships that exist among cells,
systems.	<b>✓0707.1.3</b> Make a Venn diagram to compare	tissues, organs, and organ systems.
	the structures and functions of an animal cell	

GLE 0707.1.3 Describe the function of different organ systems and how collectively they enable complex multicellular organisms to survive.

**GLE 0707.1.4** Illustrate how cell division occurs in sequential stages to maintain the chromosome number of a species.

**GLE 0707.1.5** Observe and explain how materials move through simple diffusion.

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**√0707.1.4** Build a 3-D model of a cell.

✓0707.1.5 Construct a poster that illustrates the hierarchy among cells, tissues, organs, organ systems, and organisms.

**√0707.1.6** Describe the function of different organ systems.

**√0707.1.7** Explain how different organ systems interact to enable complex multicellular organisms to survive.

✓0707.1.8 Apply the idea of the division of labor to explain why living things are organized into cells, tissues, organs, and organ systems.

**√0707.1.9** Model the movement of chromosomes during plant cell division.

✓0707.1.10 Design a demonstration that illustrates how materials move across a semi-permeable membrane by simple diffusion.

**SPI 0707.1.3** Explain the basic functions of a major organ system.

**SPI 0707.1.4** Sequence a series of diagrams that depict chromosome movement during plant cell division.

**SPI 0707.1.5** Explain how materials move through simple diffusion.

# **Grade 7 : Standard 2 - Interdependence**

#### **Conceptual Strand 2**

All life is interdependent and interacts with the environment.

#### **Guiding Question 2**

How do living things interact with one another and with the non-living elements of their environment?

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# **Grade 7: Standard 3 - Flow of Matter and Energy**

#### **Conceptual Strand 3**

Matter and energy flow through the biosphere.

#### **Guiding Question 3**

What scientific information explains how matter and energy flow through the biosphere?

Grade Level Expectations	Checks for Understanding	State Performance Indicators
<b>GLE 0707.3.1</b> Distinguish between the basic features of photosynthesis and respiration.	✓0707.3.1 Associate the fundamental processes of photosynthesis and respiration with appropriate cell structures.	SPI 0707.3.1 Compare the chemical compounds that make up the reactants and products of photosynthesis and respiration.
<b>GLE 0707.3.2</b> Investigate the exchange of		
oxygen and carbon dioxide between living things	<b>✓0707.3.2</b> Examine and identify the	SPI 0707.3.2 Interpret a diagram to explain
and the environment.	chloroplasts in a leaf cell.	how oxygen and carbon dioxide are exchanged between living things and the

✓0707.3.3 Identify the materials used by plants to make food.	environment.
✓0707.3.4 Create a chart that compares the reactants and products of photosynthesis and respiration.	
✓0707.3.5 Model the pathways of water, oxygen, and carbon dioxide through a plant.	
<b>√0707.3.6</b> Describe the movement of oxygen and carbon dioxide between living things and the environment.	
✓0707.3.7 Describe structures that animals use to obtain oxygen.	

# **Grade 7 : Standard 4 - Heredity**

## **Conceptual Strand 4**

Plants and animals reproduce and transmit hereditary information between generations.

#### **Guiding Question 4**

What are the principal mechanisms by which living things reproduce and transmit information between parents and offspring?

#### **Grade Level Expectations**

#### **Checks for Understanding**

#### **State Performance Indicators**

**GLE 0707.4.1** Compare and contrast the fundamental features of sexual and asexual reproduction.

GLE 0707.4.2 Demonstrate an understanding of sexual reproduction in flowering plants.

GLE 0707.4.3 Explain the relationship among genes, chromosomes, and inherited traits.

**GLE 0707.4.4** Predict the probable appearance of offspring based on the genetic characteristics of the parents.

**√0707.4.1** Classify organisms according to whether they reproduce sexually or asexually.

**√0707.4.2** Label and explain the function of the reproductive parts of a flower.

**√0707.4.3** Describe various methods of plant pollination.

**√0707.4.4** Investigate the relationship among DNA, genes, and chromosomes.

✓0707.4.5 Explain the differences between dominant and recessive traits.

✓0707.4.6 Use a Punnett square to predict the genotypes of offspring resulting from a monohybrid cross.

✓0707.4.7 Draw a phenotypically accurate picture of an individual whose traits are modeled by the role of a die.

**SPI 0707.4.1** Classify methods of reproduction as sexual or asexual.

**SPI 0707.4.2** Match flower parts with their reproductive functions.

**SPI 0707.4.3** Describe the relationship among genes, chromosomes, and inherited traits.

**SPI 0707.4.4** Interpret a Punnett square to predict possible genetic combinations passed from parents to offspring during sexual reproduction.

## **Grade 7: Standard 5 - Biodiversity and Change**

#### **Conceptual Strand 5**

A rich variety of complex organisms have developed in response to a continually changing environment.

#### **Guiding Question 5**

How does natural selection explain how organisms have changed over time?

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# **Grade 7 - Earth and Space Science**

## **Grade 7: Standard 6 - The Universe**

#### **Conceptual Strand 6**

The cosmos is vast and explored well enough to know its basic structure and operational principles.

#### **Guiding Question 6**

What big ideas guide human understanding about the origin and structure of the universe, Earth's place in the cosmos, and observable motions and patterns in the sky?

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## **Grade 7: Standard 7 - The Earth**

#### **Conceptual Strand 7**

Major geologic events that occur over eons or brief moments in time continually shape and reshape the surface of the Earth, resulting in continuous global change.

## **Guiding Question 7**

How is the earth affected by long-term and short term geological cycles and the influence of man?

Grade Level Expectations	Checks for Understanding	State Performance Indicators
<b>GLE 0707.7.1</b> Describe the physical properties of minerals.	✓0707.7.1 Organize and explain information about the properties of minerals and their	SPI 0707.7.1 Use a table of physical properties to classify minerals.
GLE 0707.7.2 Summarize the basic events that occur during the rock cycle.	✓ 0707.7.2 Label a diagram that depicts the major processes of the rock cycle.	<b>SPI 0707.7.2</b> Label a diagram that depicts the three different rock types.
<b>GLE 0707.7.3</b> Analyze the characteristics of the earth's layers and the location of the major plates.	✓0707.7.3 Distinguish among sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic rocks and relate	<b>SPI 0707.7.3</b> Identify the major processes that drive the rock cycle.
GLE 0707.7.4 Explain how earthquakes, mountain building, volcanoes, and sea floor	these to a simple diagram of the rock cycle.  ✓0707.7.4 Recognize that the earth's layers	<b>SPI 0707.7.4</b> Differentiate among the characteristics of the earth's three layers.
spreading are associated with movements of the earth's major plates.	have different thickness, states of matter, densities, and chemical makeup.	<b>SPI 0707.7.5</b> Recognize that lithospheric plates on the scale of continents and oceans continually move at rates of centimeters per
<b>GLE 0707.7.5</b> Differentiate between renewable and nonrenewable resources in terms of their use by man.	✓0707.7.5 Analyze the relationship between plate movements and areas of earthquake activity.	year.  SPI 0707.7.6 Describe the relationship
		between plate movements and earthquakes,

GLE 0707.7.6 Evaluate how human activities affect the earth's land, oceans, and atmosphere.	<b>√0707.7.6</b> Analyze the relationship between plate movements and mountain building.	mountain building, volcanoes, and sea floor spreading.
	✓0707.7.7 Analyze the relationship between plate movements, volcanoes, and sea floor spreading.	SPI 0707.7.7 Analyze and evaluate the impact of man's use of earth's land, water, and atmospheric resources.
	✓0707.7.8 Determine the impact of man's use of renewable and nonrenewable resources on future supplies.	
	<b>√0707.7.9</b> Evaluate how human activities affect the condition of the earth's land, water, and atmosphere.	

# **Grade 7: Standard 8 - The Atmosphere**

#### **Conceptual Strand 8**

The earth is surrounded by an active atmosphere and an energy system that controls the distribution life, local weather, climate, and global temperature.

#### **Guiding Question 8**

How do the physical characteristics and the chemical makeup of the atmosphere influence surface processes and life on Earth?

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# **Grade 7 - Physical Science**

#### Grade 7: Standard 9 - Matter

#### **Conceptual Strand 9**

The composition and structure of matter is known, and it behaves according to principles that are generally understood.

#### **Guiding Question 9**

How does the structure of matter influence its physical and chemical behavior?

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## **Grade 7: Standard 10 - Energy**

#### **Conceptual Strand 10**

Various forms of energy are constantly being transformed into other types without any net loss of energy from the system.

#### **Guiding Question 10**

What basic energy related ideas are essential for understanding the dependency of the natural and man-made worlds on energy?

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## **Grade 7: Standard 11 - Motion**

## **Conceptual Strand 11**

*Objects move in ways that can be observed, described, predicted, and measured.* 

# **Guiding Question 11**

What causes objects to move differently under different circumstances?

Grade Level Expectations	Checks for Understanding	State Performance Indicators
GLE 0707.11.1 Identify six types of simple machines.	✓0707.11.1 Compare the six types of simple machines.	<b>SPI 0707.11.1</b> Differentiate between the six simple machines.
GLE 0707.11.2 Apply the equation for work in experiments with simple machines to determine the amount of force needed to do work.	✓0707.11.2 Compete an investigation to determine how machines reduce the amount of force needed to do work.	<b>SPI 0707.11.2</b> Determine the amount of force needed to do work using different simple machines.
GLE 0707.11.3 Distinguish between speed and velocity.	✓0707.11.3 Summarize the difference between the speed and velocity based on the distance and amount of time traveled.	<b>SPI 0707.11.3</b> Apply proper equations to solve basic problems pertaining to distance, time, speed, and velocity.
GLE 0707.11.4 Investigate how Newton's laws of motion explain an object's movement.	<b>✓0707.11.4</b> Recognize how a net force	SPI 0707.11.4 Identify and explain how

GLE 0707.11.5 Compare and contrast the basic	impacts an object's motion.	Newton's laws of motion relate to the movement of objects.
parts of a wave.	<b>✓0707.11.5</b> Create a graphic organizer to	3
	illustrate and describe the basic parts of a	SPI 0707.11.5 Compare and contrast the
GLE 0707.11.6 Investigate the types and	wave.	different parts of a wave.
fundamental properties of waves.		
	<b>✓0707.11.6</b> Compare how transverse and	SPI 0707.11.6 Differentiate between
	longitudinal waves are produced and	transverse and longitudinal waves in terms of
	transmitted.	how they are produced and transmitted.

## **Grade 7: Standard 12 - Forces in Nature**

#### **Conceptual Strand 12**

Everything in the universe exerts a gravitational force on everything else; there is an interplay between magnetic fields and electrical currents.

## **Guiding Question 12**

What are the scientific principles that explain gravity and electromagnetism?

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