

CONCEPTS RELATED TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE STANDARDS

7th Grade:

Structure and Function in Living Systems

The anatomy and physiology of plants and animals illustrate the complementary nature of structure and function.

8th Grade:

Motion

The velocity of an object is the rate of change of its position.

Forces

Unbalanced forces cause changes in velocity

Investigation and Experimentation (all grades)

Scientific progress is made by asking meaningful questions and conducting careful investigations. As a basis for understanding this concept and addressing the content in the other three strands, students should develop their own questions and perform investigations. Students will:

- a. Develop a hypothesis.
- b. Select and use appropriate tools and technology (including calculators, computers, balances, spring scales, microscopes, and binoculars) to perform tests, collect data, and display data.
- c. Construct appropriate graphs from data and develop qualitative statements about the relationships between variables.
- d. Communicate the steps and results from an investigation in written reports and oral presentations.
- e. Recognize whether evidence is consistent with a proposed explanation.
- f. Read a topographic map and a geologic map for evidence provided on the maps and construct and interpret a simple scale map.
- g. Interpret events by sequence and time from natural phenomena (e.g., the relative ages of rocks and intrusions).
- h. Identify changes in natural phenomena over time without manipulating the phenomena (e.g., a tree limb, a grove of trees, a stream, a hillslope).