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| **TEKS for Middle School Science and High School Biology** | **How the TEKS are Integrated into the Lesson** |
| **6.1A, 7.1A, 8.1A, B.1A** Demonstrate safe practices during laboratory and field investigations as outlined in Texas Education Agency approved safety standards | During the **Activities,** students will be required to use safe practices. |
| **6.1B, 7.1B, 8.1B, B.1B** Practice appropriate use and conservation of resources, including disposal, reuse, or recycling of materials | During the **Activities,** students will practice appropriate use and conservation of resources. |
| **6.2A, 7.2A, 8.2A, B.2E** Plan and implement comparative and descriptive investigations by making observations, asking well defined questions, and using appropriate equipment and technology | During the **Activities,** students will implement comparative and descriptive investigations. |
| **6.2C, 7.2C, 8.2C, B.2F** Collect and record data using the International System of Units (SI) and qualitative means such as labeled drawings, writing, and graphic organizers | During the **Activities,** students will collect and record data. |
| **6.2E, 7.2E, 8.2E, B.2G** Analyze data to formulate reasonable explanations, communicate valid conclusions supported by the data, and predict trends | During the **Activities,** students will analyze data. |
| **6.3A, 7.3A, 8.3A** Analyze, evaluate, and critique scientific explanations by using empirical evidence, logical reasoning, and experimental and observational testing, so as to encourage critical thinking by the student. | In the **How We Find Out** section of this unit**,**students will learn scientific explanations including the hypotheses, quoted along with examples. They will be asked to analyze and evaluate those explanations by the use of questions embedded in the unit. |
| **6.3D, 7.3D, 8.3D, B.3D, B.3F** Relate the impact of research on scientific thought and society, including the history of science and contributions of scientists as related to the content | Throughout the unit and in the **Story Time** section, the history of science and contributions of scientists as related to the content is presented. |
| **6.4A,B, 7.4A,B, 8.4A,B, B.2F** The student knows how to use a variety of tools. The student will use preventative safety equipment. | Throughout the **Activities,** students will use laboratory tools and safety equipment as needed. |
| **6.12 A U**nderstand that all organisms are composed of one or more cells | Throughout the lesson, various specialized cells are presented along with their structure and function. |
| **7.12 B I**dentify the main functions of the systems of the human organism, including the circulatory, respiratory, skeletal, muscular, digestive, excretory, reproductive, integumentary, nervous, and endocrine systems | This unit describes cell organelles and relates their functions to the functions of body systems.  |
| **7.12 C R**ecognize levels of organization in plants and animals, including cells, tissues, organs, organ systems, and organisms | This unit describes the levels of organization of the body and specifically focuses on the organization of the organelles of the cell. |
| **7.12 D** Differentiate between structure and function in plant and animal cells organelles, including cell membrane, cell wall, nucleus, cytoplasm, mitochondrion, chloroplast, and vacuole | This unit describes the structure and function of cell organelles. |
| **7.12 E** Compare the functions of cell organelles to the functions of an organ system. | This unit describes cell organelles and relates their functions to the functions of body systems. |
| **B.4B** Investigate and explain cellular processes, including homeostasis, and transport of molecules |  |
| **B.9A** Compare the functions of different types of biomolecules, including carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, and nucleic acids | In the How We Know section; the location of protein synthesis is discussed and the function of proteins in the body is mentioned. |
| **B.10C** Analyze the levels of organization in biological systems and relate the levels to each other and to the whole system. | This unit describes and analyzes the levels of organization of the cell and relates the functions of the organelles of the cells to the function of the other body systems and the survival of the organism. |
| **B.11A S**ummarize the role of microorganisms in both maintaining and disrupting the health of both organisms and ecosystems | In the **Common Hazards** section, prions are presented as disease-causing agents. The mechanism for infection is discussed as well as Mad Cow Disease, a disease that they cause.  |

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| **Next Generation Science Standards****Disciplinary Core Ideas** | **How the NGSS are Integrated** **into the Lesson** |
| **MS-LSI.A Structure and Function****MS-LS1-1** All living things are made up of cells, which is the smallest unit that can be said to be alive. An organism may consist of one single cell (unicellular) or many different numbers and types of cells (multicellular).**MS-LS1-2** Within cells, special structures are responsible for particular functions, and the cell membrane forms the boundary that controls what enters and leaves the cell.**MS-LS1-3** In multicellular organisms, the body is a system of multiple interacting subsystems. These subsystems are groups of cells that work together to form tissues and organs that are specialized for particular body functions. | This unit defines cells.In the **What We Know** section, the cell membrane is defined and illustrated.In the **What We Know** section, the levels of organization of living things are shown and discussed. |
| **HS-LS1.A:** **Structure and Function****HS-LS1-1** Systems of specialized cells within organisms help them perform the essential functions of life. **HS-LS1-2** Multicellular organisms have a hierarchical structural organization, in which any one system is made up of numerous parts and is itself a component of the next level. | This unit shows types of specialized cells and discusses their role in performing the essential functions of life.This unit discusses the hierarchical structural organization of living organisms. If focuses on the cell and its organelles and how the function of those organelles is essential for life. |

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