

Science

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

GRADES 6-8



Unlimited Potential

McGraw Hill Florida Science was built to empower students to ask questions, pose hypotheses, conduct hands-on investigations, and communicate their findings.

Drawing on feedback from Florida teachers, we set forth to create a program where inquiry lays the foundation for deep understanding of science, where a spirit of discovery improves students' reading and writing skills, and where the ultimate goal is Florida State Academic Standards for Science (FSAS) mastery and a lifelong love of learning.

Guided by Experts

Our author and contributor collection is made up of FSAS experts committed to engaging students throughout their learning experience:



Julie Jackson, Ph.D.

Creator of Interactive Word Walls, Dr. Jackson draws on expertise in vocabulary, language acquisition, and FSAS knowledge to facilitate student understanding and acquisition of science vocabulary.



Page Keeley

Page Keeley's internationally known probes put students at the center of the lesson to focus content on their current understandings and challenge their preconceptions.



Dinah Zike

Creator of NEW! Foldables and interactive notebooking, Dinah Zike focuses on helping students understand difficult new concepts and facilitating engagement.



Cindy Guerrero, Ph.D.

Dr. Guererro utilizes her expertise in English-language development to maximize the program's EB/EL support.



Felicia Mensah, Ph.D.

A scholar in science teacher education and teacher professional development, Dr. Mensah provides expertise on life science as well as diversity and inclusion in all science experiences.



Doug Fisher, Ph.D.

A renowned reading expert, Dr. Fisher helped create our new and improved Science Literacy Essentials to foster reading comprehension.

A Program Built for the FSAS

Explicitly designed for the FSAS and the modern Florida science classroom, *McGraw Hill Florida Science* combines the FSAS with feedback from our most trusted collaborators—Florida teachers and administrators—and offers the tools to help every student achieve success in science.

FSAS Assessment Guide

Online and printable guided practice tests help students prepare for state assessments. Each practice test includes rigorous, high-level thinking questions and answers so students can check their work.

> TEACHER FAVORITE!



Lesson 1 Earth's Changes Over Time (SC.7.E.6.5) (SC.7.E.6.7)

Lesson Overview

Essential Question What evidence supports that Earth has changed over time?

Lesson Objective

Students describe the evidence that supports that Earth has changed over time, including fossil evidence, plate tectonics, and superposition.

Learning Progression

FSAS Refresh Use this chart to review what your students have already learned and to help guide their learning as they progress in their development of their scientific knowledge. If students need support on background knowledge go online for resources or assign LearnSmart review assignments.

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SC.6.E.61 Describe and give examples of ways in which Earth's surface is built up and torn down by physical and chemical weathering, erosion, and deposition. G7 SC.7.E.6.5 Explore the scientific theory of plate tectonics by describing how the movement of Earth's crustal plates causes both slow and rapid changes in Earth's surface, including volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, and mountain building.

HS Earth/Space Science

SC.912.E.6.3 Analyze the scientific theory of plate tectonics and identify related major processes and features as a result of moving plates.

Focus on Nature of Science

Explain that scientific knowledge is the result of a great deal of debate and confirmation within the scien community. (SC2.N12)

Identify an instance from the history of science in which scientific knowledge has changed when new evidence or new interpretations are encountered. (SC2N 21)

Recognize and explain the difference between theories and laws and give several examples of scientific theories and the evidence that supports them. **SC7.N.33**

Advanced Course Resources

Describe and differentiate the layers of Earth and the interactions among them. **CC012EG3** Connect surface features to surface processes that are responsible for their formation. **CC012EG3** Analyze the scientific theory of plate tectonics and identify related major processes and features as a result of moving plates. **CC012EG3**

Access Points

Recognize that the ground on Earth's surface changes over time. **SC7.E6.Pn3** Identify an example of a change in scientific knowledge based on new evidence or new interpretations

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Identify that scientific theories are explanations and laws describe relationships, and both are supported by evidence. **SC.7.N.3.In.1**

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FSAS Progression Breakdown

Every lesson in the *Florida Science* program begins by using prerequisite FSAS as a launch pad—seamlessly building up to the lesson-level FSAS concepts. Each lesson comes with resources to pre-assess and remediate students as needed. Cognitive verbs (investigate, distinguish, evaluate, etc.) help unpack complex concepts, clearly defining the extent to which topics must be covered to meet each standard.

Personalized Learning

FSAS Refresh

After conducting pre-assessments, teachers can assign FSAS Refresh activities to students who need them, ensuring they understand and remember content from elementary school before diving into new material.

 Before covering a new standard, teachers can assign content from previously covered standards.



LearnSmart[®]

Each student enters the classroom with different strengths, interests, and abilities. Eliminate guesswork and get to the heart of their learning needs with adaptive, comprehensive differentiation.

LearnSmart uses smart, adaptive technology and multiple-choice questions to help gauge student understanding. To ensure end-of-course assessment success, LearnSmart focuses solely on questions covering the FSAS.

Teachers can assign LearnSmart questions tailored to individual FSAS standards,

ensuring students master the content needed.

Mc Graw	learning experience.
Assignment Resources ③ Instructions	
Organisms and Environments	
⊙ FSAS SC.7.L17.3	
Dependence on Resources in Ecosystems	
Ocompeting for Resources in Ecosystems	
 Define competition. 	
Resource: Practice: Define competition.	
Obefine limiting factors.	
Resource: Practice: Define limiting factors.	
 Identify the limiting factor on a population (when given a sc 	enario).
Resource: Simulation: identity the limiting factor on a population	(when given a scenario).
 Apply what happens to an organisms when the availability 	of a resource (abiotic and biotic) changes.
Resource: Reading: Apply what happens to an organisms when	the availability of a resource (abiotic and biotic) changes.
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When students answer a question incorrectly, they can access built-in supports to review relevant material in different formats:

- Short and focused texts, articles, and examples
- Lesson Opener Videos, Content Videos, Science Videos, and more
- Quick interactives and manipulatives

Optimized for Teachers and Supervisors

Structured for flexibility, *Florida Science* allows teachers and supervisors to follow a recommended lesson path or adapt instruction as needed. Whichever you choose, you can feel confident your students are getting a comprehensive science education aligned to the FSAS.



Inspiring New Teacher Confidence

Built to support the influx of new teachers across the state, *Florida Science* provides a clear path to cover the FSAS. Supports throughout the Teacher's Edition deliver additional tools to ensure teacher success and student content mastery.



Hands-On Labs, Real-World Investigations

Real scientists get their hands dirty. By conducting hands-on investigations, students can apply their scientific knowledge to exciting real-world contexts.

- Claim, Evidence, Reasoning (CER) writing prompts help students make meaning from their investigation.
- Anytime Investigations Videos provide student-friendly videos showing lab work in action.
- STEM Projects aligned to each strand of the multi-dimensional learning model allow students to bring their own creativity to design solutions to science and engineering challenges and investigate their world.
- Ready-to-use notebook activity sheets allow students to record their investigations quickly and simply.





Explore Simulation

Whether jotting down lab notes or clicking through digital investigations, students have access to an array of rigorous hands-on activities through *Florida Science*. The program prompts every student to dive deep into the lesson content and observe new concepts in action.

- Quick Launch activities introduce lessons with hands-on activities, giving students the chance to ask questions as they explore new concepts.
- **Explore Labs** give students the opportunity to lead their own investigation from start to finish, alongside the explanation of the content.
- Explore Simulations allow students to explore content beyond the limits of the classroom and as representations of real-world experiences.
- Teacher-driven Quick Demos spark student curiosity and encourage them to ask questions and find explanations.

Boundless Science Learning

Transport students beyond the walls of your classroom with cutting-edge digital content, including interactives, simulations, videos, and more. Fun and easy-to-use, these features align with lesson topics to spark scientific curiosity, support discussion, enhance review, and deepen understanding.









Virtual Field Trips use

engaging questions, pictures, and videos to explore diverse locations and show how they connect to STEM fields.



Virtual Career Fair

shows students what their future could be in a STEM career.



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Interactive Visual Literacy

features prepare students to identify visual representations of scientific phenomena.

Boundless Science Learning

Kahoot! uses fun, game show-like quizzes to help students review important material in an engaging way.

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Apply It

Recall that animal cells are eukaryotic cells that contain memorane-bound organelies. Examine the diagram of the structures in an animal cell.

Nucleus Nucleolus Cell membrane Nuclear pore Mitochondrion Ribosomes Lysosome The Student eBook includes built-in comprehension Vesicl questions and vocabulary Golgi Cytoplasm definitions at the point of apparatus Rough Smooth endoplasmic endoplasmic use. Text content is available at multiple reading levels, so students can adjust ESSENTIAL QUESTION as needed. How can the characteristics of transverse waves be compared? With the McGraw Hill K-12 Portal App Are all waves the same? Do they all follow students can access their content she pattern? I tow would you make offerent waves? Follow your teacher's instructions and record your observatio anywhere, any time, on any device, with or without internet access. Now others that the visites Garter Strings to see this phenomenon happening in the real

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Actively Learn

As educators, we know how important it is to keep students engaged. That's why each *Florida Science* module and lesson is designed to tap into students' natural curiosity about the world around them through the investigation of real-world phenomena. Student engagement is further fueled through an innovative digital experience, and connections to real-world applications.

- Engaging, relevant, standards-based content for all learners
- **Science texts, articles, and videos** at each student's level
- Inquiry-driven science simulations that bring natural phenomena to life
- Interactive reading and study aids that promote active collaboration
- Rich, cross-curricular connections to literature and history
- Powerful tools that let teachers customize content or upload their own
- Access to student data to inform instructional decisions



Generate Next-Level Discovery: The Print Student Experience

When students model scientific phenomena, they learn to dissect and make meaning out of complex science ideas. As topics grow more complex throughout middle school, these powerful visuals become even more critical to the learning experience.



Enhanced Reading with Purposeful Visuals feature chunked text with "speed bump" questions, engaging visuals, and embedded data analysis opportunities, giving students multiple ways to make sense of each FSAS topic.

Literacy

Enhanced Science Probe Visuals connect relatable science scenarios to Page Keeley's Formative Assessment Probes.





Science Literacy Essentials pair leveled text with enhanced visuals so students have multiple avenues to access gradelevel information.



Visual Assessment Items in Lesson Reviews, Chapter Wrap-Ups, and Florida Assessment Guides give students opportunities to make meaning from pictures and practice for the Florida state science assessment. 7. Observe the following diagram of the objects in the solar system.



Select the statement that is correct.

- **A** The Oort Cloud is located beyond the Kuiper Belt and extends up to 100,000 AU from the Sun.
- B The Kuiper Belt is donut-shaped and is located next to Jupiter.
- C The asteroid belt is located between Uranus and Neptune.
- **D** The planets in our solar system include Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and the Sun.

Vocabulary Expertise

Strengthening Science Vocabulary and Communication with Dr. Julie Jackson's Word Walls



From renowned author and educator Dr. Julie Jackson, Interactive Word Walls bring science vocabulary to life so that students can build meaningful relationships to FSAS concepts rather than simply memorize them.

Dr. Jackson's Florida Science innovations include:

- Science language information in every chapter that highlights target vocabulary, including:
 - Prior-knowledge words
 - Lesson words
 - Academic vocabulary support
 - Nature of Science language

- Pre-made Interactive Word Wall Guides and Word Cards in English and Spanish with images.
- Professional development videos to help teachers practice powerful instructional strategies.



Julie Jackson's Professional Development

Videos help teachers and supervisors implement this research-tested strategy.

Interactive Word Wall

Science Language and Content Acquisition

Lesson Vocabulary

Provide students rich and varied experiences with science vocabulary as a way to bolster confidence and help students develop scientific language.

Chapter Vocabulary

Prior Knowledge Terms

Use the Interactive Word Wall to help students gain an understanding of the target vocabulary within the context of the entire FSAS. Build this together as a class on the wall and have students follow along with their own graphic organizers in their Science Notebooks. There are suggestions and support available for each lesson's Interactive Word Wall.

Interactive Word Wall Check out Julie's professional development videos Interactive Word Walls support

robust science instruction that benefits all students —Julie Jackson

Supporting Vocabulary



		Lesson 1	SC.7.E.6.5	SC.7.E.6.7	
		weathering		landform	continental drift
		deposition		earthquake	fossil
				volcano	superposition
—			fossil	plate tectonics	
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combines new words with familiar ones to determine essential vocabulary

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Target Vocabulary

mid-ocean ridge glacial striations

ity To learn more about the text complexity of this chapter and the strategies for student online for text complexity resources including Science Literacy Essentials.

Vocabulary Resources

Use the following tools for individual or small group work to provide repeated exposure to content vocabulary.

Interactive Word Wall

Go Online for more Interactive Word Wall graphic organizers and vocabulary resources. Use these resources for individual or small group work to provide repeated exposure to content vocabulary.



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Notebooking Expertise

Documenting Discoveries with Dinah Zike's Notebooking Strategies



Carefully designed, intuitive notebook activities created by award-winning author, educator, and inventor Dinah Zike allow students to join generations of researchers documenting their findings—all while improving writing skills, deepening scientific understanding, and preparing for success on standardized tests.



Foldables

Formative Assessment Expertise



One of the most effective ways to support conceptual learning is through formative assessment. That's why *McGraw Hill Florida Science* begins every lesson with a Page Keeley Science Probe and productive discussion strategy. Each probe uses real-world phenomena to promote student thinking and discussion, revealing the preconceptions and initial ideas students bring to their learning so you can best inform your instruction.



Science Literacy Expertise

A renowned reading expert, Dr. Doug Fisher helped create our new and improved Science Literacy Essentials to foster reading comprehension.

Dr. Doug Fisher, Ph.D.



Florida Science empowers all students to succeed in science no matter their starting point. The new Science Literacy Essentials provide reading and writing support for students in need of a little extra help, including:

- Content written two Lexile levels lower than the on-level content
- Teacher tips to provide ample student support
- Writing space for students to practice explaining their understanding
- Print, digital, and Spanish-language versions of the text



Foster Multilingual Connections

Every student deserves access to a rich, robust, and challenging science curriculum leveled to their needs and abilities. *Florida Science* applies the best pedagogical practices for teaching emergent bilinguals, complete with authentically translated print.

Activate Prior Knowledge prepares all emergent bilingual	ELL English Language Help students activate their prior kn introduce them to new terms using the Activate Prior Knowledge Provide terms written on individual notecard	Je Learner Sup owledge about the voca he following activity. students with the prior k s, differentiating the act	abulary in this ch nowledge term: tivity as needed.	lapter and 5 and key content
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Reading Comprehension and Multilingual Support

Florida Science supports reading comprehension and English learners using a variety of innovative tools and scaffolds:

- Both the core text and Science Literacy Essentials are available in Spanish online in a printable format.
- Google Translate is available for students where needed.
- The Multilingual Glossary offers key vocabulary definitions in over 10 different languages.



Assess and Address Learning Needs

Chart the path to FSAS mastery with a suite of easy-access tools aimed at gauging student understanding, identifying learning gaps, and targeting misconceptions throughout each lesson and chapter. Formal exam practice, personalized and adaptive study tools, and a curated selection of learning assets ensure Florida state science assessment success and deep comprehension for all students.

Formative Assessment Tools

- Chapter pre-tests are available online to kick off lessons by evaluating current students' understanding.
- FSAS Refresh allows teachers to assign students LearnSmart problems to help close foundational knowledge gaps.
- Page Keeley Formative Assessment Science Probes help illuminate students preconceptions about a topic and provide a measure of growth at the end of each lesson.
- Throughout the Student Edition, Apply It Activities provide guidance to help you track student comprehension.
- Kahoot! uses fun, game show-like quizzes to help students review important material in an engaging way.



Assessment

Summative Assessment Tools

• Exit Tickets quiz students at the end of every lesson to assess understanding—available in print and digital formats.

Differentiation

- The Florida Assessment Guide provides Florida state science assessment-aligned questions to prepare students for the Grade 6-8 state science test.
- Chapter tests are available for assignment online, as are chapter review assignments to help students prepare.
- STEM Projects allow students to demonstrate their understanding through creative, hands-on applications of the material.
- Lesson Quizzes in the student edition and online help teachers access students knowledge and skills from the lesson.



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