

ARKANSAS

K-12 SCIENCE STANDARDS

EDUCATION FOR A NEW GENERATION

Fundamental Science Content
Human Anatomy and Physiology

The Arkansas K-12 Science Standards are available [here](#). The standards are three-dimensional, consisting of a **Science and Engineering Practice (SEP)**, a **Disciplinary Core Idea (DCI)**, and a **Cross Cutting Concept (CCC)**. By the end of the grade level, students should be able to demonstrate the full scope of the standard. Example:

SEP

HAP-LS1-1AR Construct an explanation based on evidence obtained from a variety of sources for the pattern of hierarchical organization of each body system.

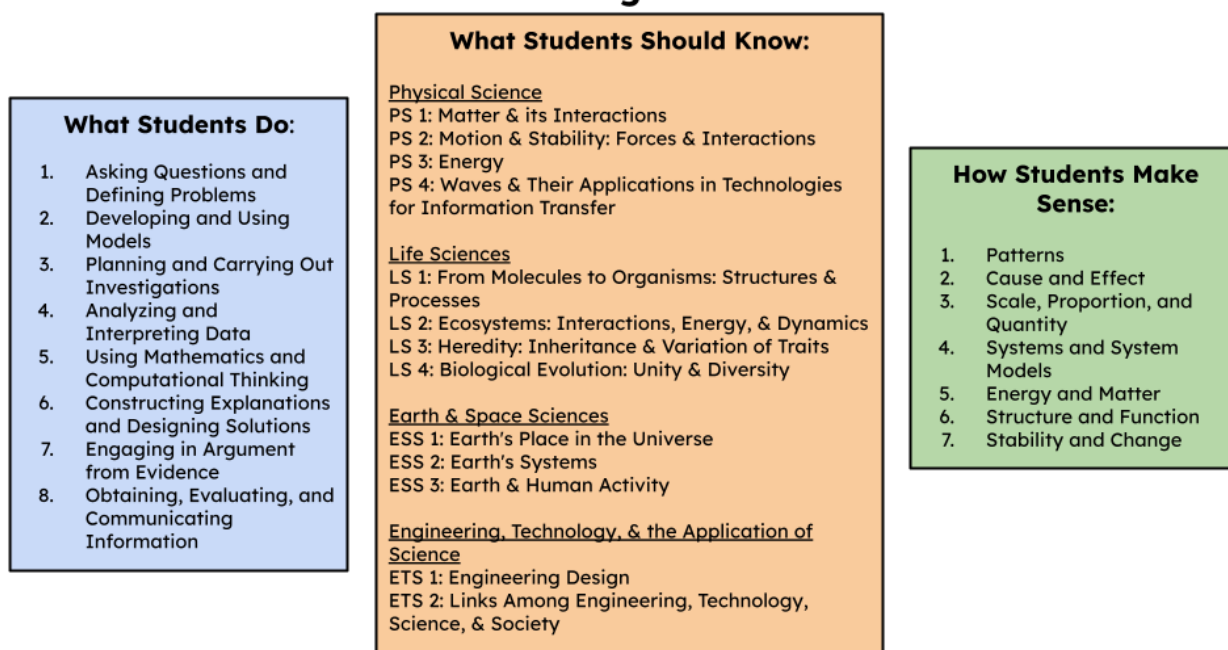
CCC **DCI**

The focus of this document is specifically on the science core ideas in Human Anatomy & Physiology. In Arkansas K-12 Science Standards, science content is found in the DCI portion of each standard. Three-dimensional learning and assessment best prepare students for success so that students have the opportunity to demonstrate both what they know *and* can do in science. Refer to the full standards document to find the corresponding science and engineering practice and cross-cutting concept for each standard. The core ideas are organized into the following domains of science:

- Physical Science
- Life Science
- Earth & Space Science
- Engineering Technology & Applications of Science

Each domain contains core ideas organized into component ideas. By the end of Human Anatomy & Physiology, students are expected to know the bulleted information under each component idea. Standards that address the bulleted information are included in parentheses.

3-Dimensions of Science Learning



Life Science

Patterns

Structure & Function

- Systems of specialized cells within organisms help them perform the essential functions of life. ([HAP-LS1-1AR](#))
- All cells contain genetic information in the form of DNA molecules. Genes are regions in the DNA that contain the instructions that code for the formation of proteins, which carry out most of the work of cells. ([HAP-LS1-1AR](#))
- 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. ([HAP-LS1-1AR](#))
- Feedback mechanisms maintain a living system's internal conditions within certain limits and mediate behaviors, allowing it to remain alive and functional even as external conditions change within some range. Feedback mechanisms can encourage (through positive feedback) or discourage (negative feedback) what is going on inside the living system. ([HAP-LS1-1AR](#))

Structure and Function

Structure & Function

- Systems of specialized cells within organisms help them perform the essential functions of life. ([HAP-LS2-1AR](#))
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Growth & Development

- In multicellular organisms individual cells grow and then divide via a process called mitosis, thereby allowing the organism to grow. The organism begins as a single cell (fertilized egg) that divides successively to produce many cells, with each parent cell passing identical genetic material (two variants of each chromosome pair) to both daughter cells. Cellular division and differentiation produce and maintain a complex organism, composed of systems of tissues and organs that work together to meet the needs of the whole organism. ([HAPLS2-1AR](#))

Organization of Matter & Energy Flow

- The process of photosynthesis converts light energy to stored chemical energy by converting carbon dioxide plus water into sugars plus released oxygen. ([HAP-LS2-1AR](#))

- The sugar molecules thus formed contain carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen: their hydrocarbon backbones are used to make amino acids and other carbon-based molecules that can be assembled into larger molecules (such as proteins or DNA), used for example to form new cells. ([HAP-LS2-1AR](#))

- As matter and energy flow through different organizational levels of living systems, chemical elements are recombined in different ways to form different products. ([HAP-LS2-1AR](#))

- As a result of these chemical reactions, energy is transferred from one system of interacting molecules to another. Cellular respiration is a chemical process in which the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and new compounds are formed that can transport energy to muscles. Cellular respiration also releases the energy needed to maintain body temperature despite ongoing energy transfer to the surrounding environment. ([HAP-LS2-1AR](#))

Information Processing

- Each sense receptor responds to different inputs (electromagnetic, mechanical, chemical), transmitting them as signals that travel along nerve cells to the brain. The signals are then processed in the brain, resulting in immediate behaviors or memories. ([HAP-LS2-1AR](#))

Scale, Proportion, and Quantity

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- All cells contain genetic information in the form of DNA molecules. Genes are regions in the DNA that contain the instructions that code for the formation of proteins, which carry out most of the work of cells. ([HAP-LS3-1AR](#))
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Stability and Change

Structure & Function

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- All cells contain genetic information in the form of DNA molecules. Genes are regions in the DNA that contain the instructions that code for the formation of proteins, which carry out most of the work of cells. ([HAP-LS4-1AR](#))
- 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. ([HAP-LS4-1AR](#))
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Inheritance of Traits

- Each chromosome consists of a single very long DNA molecule, and each gene on the chromosome is a particular segment of that DNA. The instructions for forming species' characteristics are carried in DNA. All cells in an organism have the same genetic content, but the genes used (expressed) by the cell may be regulated in different ways. Not all DNA codes for a protein; some segments of DNA are involved in regulatory or structural functions, and some have no as-yet known function. ([HAP-LS4-1AR](#))

Cause and Effect

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Common Ancestry

- Genetic information provides evidence of evolution. DNA sequences vary among species, but there are many overlaps; in fact, the ongoing branching that produces multiple lines of descent can be inferred by comparing the DNA sequences of different organisms. Such information is also derivable from the similarities and differences in amino acid sequences and from anatomical and embryological evidence. ([HAP-LS5-1AR](#))

Adaptation

- Evolution is a consequence of the interaction of four factors: (1) the potential for a species to increase in number, (2) the genetic variation of individuals in a species due to mutation and sexual reproduction, (3) competition for an environment's limited supply of the resources that individuals need in order to survive and reproduce, and (4) the ensuing proliferation of those organisms that are better able to survive and reproduce in that environment. ([HAP-LS5-1AR](#))
- Natural selection leads to adaptation, that is, to a population dominated by organisms that are anatomically, behaviorally, and physiologically well suited to survive and reproduce in a specific environment. That is, the differential survival and reproduction of organisms in a population that have an advantageous heritable trait leads to an increase in the proportion of individuals in future generations that have the trait and to a decrease in the proportion of individuals that do not. ([HAP-LS5-1AR](#))
- Adaptation also means that the distribution of traits in a population can change when conditions change. ([HAP-LS5-1AR](#))

Energy and Matter

Organization of Matter & Energy Flow

- The sugar molecules thus formed contain carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen: their hydrocarbon backbones are used to make amino acids and other carbon-based molecules that can be assembled into larger molecules (such as proteins or DNA), used for example to form new cells. ([HAP-LS6-1AR](#))
- As matter and energy flow through different organizational levels of living systems, chemical elements are recombined in different ways to form different products. ([HAP-LS6-1AR](#))
- As a result of these chemical reactions, energy is transferred from one system of interacting molecules to another. Cellular respiration is a chemical process in which the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and new compounds are formed that can transport energy to muscles. Cellular respiration also releases the energy needed to maintain body temperature despite ongoing energy transfer to the surrounding environment. ([HAP-LS6-1AR](#))

Systems and System Models

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Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science

Engineering Design: Career Exploration with Engineering Practices

Defining Engineering Problems

- Criteria and constraints also include satisfying any requirements set by society, such as taking issues of risk mitigation into account, and they should be quantified to the extent possible and stated in such a way that one can tell if a given design meets them. ([HAP-8-2AR](#), [HAP-8-3AR](#))
- Humanity faces major global challenges today, such as the need for supplies of clean water and food or for energy sources that minimize pollution, which can be addressed through engineering. These global challenges also may have manifestations in local communities. ([HAP-8-2AR](#), [HAP-8-3AR](#))

Developing Possible Solutions

- When evaluating solutions, it is important to take into account a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, and to consider social, cultural, and environmental impacts. ([HAP-8-2AR](#), [HAP-8-3AR](#))
- Both physical models and computers can be used in various ways to aid in the engineering design process. Computers are useful for a variety of purposes, such as running simulations to test different ways of solving a problem or to see which one is most efficient or economical; and in making a persuasive presentation to a client about how a given design will meet his or her needs. ([HAP-8-2AR](#), [HAP-8-3AR](#))