

Physical Science

Curriculum Map and Pacing Guide

Semester 1

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Chapter	Торіс	# Days			
1	Nature of Science	17			
	The Methods of Science				
	Standards of Measurement				
	Communicating with Graphs				
	Science and Technology				
2	Motion	8			
	 Introduction to One-Dimensional Vectors 				
	Displacement and Distance				
	• Velocity (constant, average, and instantaneous)				
	Acceleration				
	Interpreting Position vs. Time and Velocity vs. Time Graphs				
3	Forces	11			
	Force Diagrams				
	• Types of Forces (gravity, friction, normal, tension)				
	• Field Model for Forces at a Distance				
	Newton's 3 Laws of Motion				
	• Dynamics (how forces affect motion)				
	Forces on Objects at Rest				
	 Forces on Objects Moving with Constant Velocity 				
	Forces on Accelerating Objects				
4	Work and Energy	7			
	Conservation of Energy				
	Quantifying Kinetic Energy				
	Quantifying Gravitational Potential Energy				
5	Thermal Energy	8			
	Specific Heat	(overlaps and goes			
	• Transfer and Transformation of Energy (including work)	into Q2)			

	Quarter 2 (35 Days, 4 Exam Days)	
6	Electricity and Magnetism	14
	Movement of Electrons	
	• Current	
	• Electric Potential (voltage)	
	• Resistors and Transfer of Energy	
	Electric Circuits	
	Electrical Conductors and Insulators	
	Overview of Magnetism	
9	Waves	15
10.1; 10.2	• Wavelength, Frequency, and Speed of a Wave	
11.1; 11.2	Wave Reflection	
	Wave Refraction	
	Wave Diffraction	
	Absorption	
	• Superposition (constructive and destructive interference)	
	Radiant Energy and the Electromagnetic Spectrum	
	• Doppler Shift	
	Semester 1 Exam Review and Exam	6
	• Chapters 1-5, 9-11	



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Quarter 3 (45 Days)

Chapter	Topic	# Days
14-1; 15	Classification of Matter	16
	 Heterogeneous vs. Homogeneous Mixtures 	
	Physical and Chemical Properties of Matter	
	Solutions	
	Phase Changes	
	Endothermic and Exothermic Processes of Phase Changes	
	Calculation of Density from Mass vs. Volume Graphs of Substances	
16	Atoms and the Periodic Table	15
	 Models of the Atoms and its Components 	
	Atomic Number and Mass Number	
	• Ions (cations and anions)	
	• Isotopes	
	• The Periodic Table and Periodic Law	
	Representative Groups in the Periodic Table	
18	Chemical Bonds and Compounds	16
	Ionic Bonding	
	Covalent Bonding	
	Prediction of Ionic Charge and Formulas of Ionic Compounds using	
	Elements from Groups 1, 2, 17, Hydrogen and Oxygen	
	Naming a Chemical Compound when given a Chemical Formula	

Quarter 4 (46 Days)

19	Chemical Reactions	14
	Conservation of Mass	
	Writing Balanced Chemical Equations	
	 Identifying Reactants and Products in a Chemical Reaction 	
	Balancing Chemical Equations	
	Endothermic and Exothermic Chemical Reactions	
20	Nuclear Reactions	12
	Strong and Weak Nuclear Forces	
	Radioactive Decay	
	Application of Radioactive Isotopes in Medicine	
	• Half-life of a radioisotope	
	Nuclear Fissions and Fusion	
31	Stars and Galaxies	16
	History of the Universe	
	Galaxy Formation and Classification	
	Star Formation and Evolution	
	Nuclear Fusion in Stars	
	How Stars are Classified	
	Semester 2 Exam Review and Exam (Chapters 14-1, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 31)	5