

## Earth Science

State Standard Number	State Standard Area/Description	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
1	Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate the ability to design, conduct, evaluate, and communicate results and reasonable conclusions of scientific investigations.		
1.1	generate a question, identify dependent and independent variables, formulate testable, multiple hypotheses, plan an investigation, predict its outcome, safely conduct the scientific investigations, and collect and analyze data	Introduction to Earth Science	All of Section 2 covers this standard.
1.2	select and use appropriate tools including technology to make measurements (in metric units), gather, process and analyze data from scientific investigations using appropriate mathematical analysis, error analysis, and graphical representation	Introduction to Earth Science	All of Section 3 covers this standard.
1.3	review evidence, communicate and defend results, and recognize that the results of a scientific investigation are always open to revision by further investigations. (e.g. through graphical representation or charts)	Earth's Water	Salinity and Density Lab
1.4	analyze observations and explain with scientific understanding to develop a plausible model (e.g., atom, expanding universe)	The Surface of the Earth	Erosion Lab
1.5	identify strengths, weaknesses, and assess the validity of the experimental design of an investigation through analysis and evaluation		
1.6	explain how observations of nature form an essential base of knowledge among the Montana American Indians		
2	Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate knowledge of properties, forms, changes and		

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	interactions of physical and chemical systems.		
2.1	describe the structure of atoms, including knowledge of		
2.1.a	subatomic particles and their relative masses, charges, and locations within the atom,	Earth's Materials	Section 1, Part E
2.1.b	the electrical and nuclear forces that hold the atom together,	Earth's Materials	Section 1, Part E
2.1.c	fission and fusion, and		
2.1.d	radioactive decay		
2.2	explain how the particulate-level structure and properties of matter affect its macroscopic properties, including the effect of		
2.2.a	valence electrons on the chemical properties of elements and the resulting periodic trends in these properties,		
2.2.b	chemical bonding,		

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2.2.c	molecular geometry and intermolecular forces,		
2.2.d	kinetic molecular theory on phases of matter, and		
2.2.e	carbon-carbon atom bonding on biomolecules		
2.3	describe the major features associated with chemical reactions, including		
2.3.a	giving examples of reactions important to industry and living organisms,		
2.3.b	energy changes associated with chemical changes,		
2.3.c	classes of chemical reactions,		
2.3.d	rates of reactions, and		

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2.3.e	the role of catalysts		
2.4	identify, measure, calculate, and analyze relationships associated with matter and energy transfer or transformations, and the associated conservation of mass		
2.5	explain the interactions between motions and forces, including		
2.5.a	the laws of motion and		
2.5.b	an understanding of the gravitational and electromagnetic forces		
2.6	explain how energy is stored, transferred, and transformed, including		
2.6.a	the conservation of energy,		
2.6.b	kinetic and potential energy and energy contained by a field,		

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2.6.c	heat energy and atomic and molecular motion, and		
2.6.d	energy tends to change from concentrated to diffuse		
2.7	describe how energy and matter interact, including		
2.7.a	waves,		
2.7.b	the electromagnetic spectrum,		
2.7.c	quantization of energy, and		
2.7.d	insulators and conductors		
3	Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate knowledge of characteristics, structures and function of living things, the process and diversity of life, and how living organisms interact with each other and their environment.		

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3.1	investigate and use appropriate technology to demonstrate that cells have common features including differences that determine function and that they are composed of common building blocks (e.g., proteins, carbohydrates, nucleic acids, lipids)		
3.2	describe and explain the complex processes involved in energy use in cell maintenance, growth, repair and development		
3.3	model the structure of DNA and protein synthesis, discuss the molecular basis of heredity, and explain how it contributes to the diversity of life		
3.4	predict and model the interaction of biotic and abiotic factors that affect populations through natural selection, and explain how this contributes to the evolution of species over time		
3.5	generate and apply biological classification schemes to infer and discuss the degree of divergence between using ecosystems		
4	Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate knowledge of the composition, structures, processes and interactions of Earth's systems and other objects in space.		
4.1	understand the theory of plate tectonics and how it explains the inter-relationship between earthquakes, volcanoes, and sea floor spreading	The Interior of the Earth	All of Section 1 covers this standard.
4.2	identify and classify rocks and minerals based on physical and chemical properties and the utilization by humans (e.g., natural resources, building materials)	Earth's Materials	Mineral Identification Lab and Section 3, Parts Q and R

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4.3	explain scientific theories about how fossils are used as evidence of changes over time	Geologic Time	Section 3, Parts E-I
4.4	collect and analyze local and regional weather data to make inferences and predictions about weather patterns; explain factors influencing global weather and climate; and describe the impact on earth of fluctuations in weather and climate (e.g., drought, surface and ground water, glacial instability)		
4.5	explain the impact of terrestrial, solar, oceanic, and atmosphere conditions on global climatic patterns	World of Weather	All of Section 1 covers this standard.
4.6	describe the origin, location, and evolution of stars and their planetary systems in respect to the solar system, the milky way, the local galactic group, and the universe	Astronomy	All of Section 2 covers this standard.
4.7	relate how evidence from advanced technology applied to scientific investigations (e.g., large telescopes and space-borne observatories), has dramatically impacted our understanding of the origin, size, and evolution of the universe	Astronomy	All of Section 3 covers this standard.
5	Students, through the inquiry process, understand how scientific knowledge and technological developments impact communities, cultures and societies.		
5.1	predict how key factors (e.g., technology, competitiveness, and world events) affect the development and acceptance of scientific thought	Atmosphere and Climate	Section 3, Part J

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5.2	give examples of scientific innovation challenging commonly held perceptions	Astronomy	Section 3, Parts B-D
5.3	evaluate the ongoing, collaborative scientific process by gathering and critiquing information		
5.4	analyze benefits, limitations, costs, consequences, and ethics involved in using scientific and technological innovations (e.g., biotechnology, environmental issues)	Atmosphere and Climate	Section 2, Parts K-O
5.5	explain how the knowledge of science and technology applies to contemporary Montana American Indian communities (e.g., natural resources development, management and conservation)		
6	Students understand historical developments in science and technology.		
6.1	analyze and illustrate the historical impact of scientific and technological advances, including Montana American Indian examples		
6.2	trace developments that demonstrate scientific knowledge is subject to change as new evidence becomes available	Astronomy	Section 3, Parts B-D
6.3	describe, explain, and analyze science as a human endeavor and an ongoing process		