School District of Horicon Course Outline Learning Targets

Science 7

UNIT: Geology on Mars

- Explain what formed the channel on Mars
- Gather and evaluate evidence by comparing landforms on Earth to the channel

UNIT: Plate Motion

- Explain why fossils of the Mesosaurus are found on two separate continents thousands of miles apart
- State what the outer layer of the earth is like
- Explain plate motion
- Apply knowledge of plate motion to a new problem
- Use evidence and reasoning to support a claim

UNIT: Rock Transformations

- Explain why two different rocks from two different locations have similar mineral compositions
- Explain how rocks form and transform

UNIT: Phase Change

- Explain why a lake on Titan disappeared
- Differentiate how adding and subtracting energy affects molecules' freedom of movement on the micro and macro scale

UNIT: Chemical Reactions

- Explain why a reddish-brown substance is coming out of the water pipes in a neighborhood that gets its water from a well
- Use an example to illustrate the conservation of matter

UNIT: Populations and Resources

- Explain why the moon jelly population increased
- Explore the cause and effect relationship of resource and consumer population changes
- Use evidence and reasoning to support a claim

UNIT: Matter and Energy in Ecosystems

Investigate and explain a biodome failure

Students will be able to meet the learning targets above as evidenced by formative and summative classroom assessments.