School District of Horicon Course Outline Learning Targets

6th Grade Science

UNIT: Microbiome

- Explain how small the microorganisms live on and in the human body.
- Gather and evaluate evidence to understand that a healthy microbiome protects us from harmful bacteria.

UNIT: Metabolism

- Explain how cells in the human body get what they need to function.
- Understand what cells do with the things they absorb.
- Use models to explain the roles of the body systems in delivering molecules.
- Apply knowledge of cellular respiration to a new problem
- Use evidence and reasoning to support a claim.

UNIT: Traits and Reproduction

- Understand why traits vary and why they vary even between parents and offspring and among siblings.
- Use a model to show and explain how genes are inherited through sexual reproduction
- Understand that each parent randomly passes on one of its 2 copies of genes.
- Show that each offspring receives two copies of each gene, one from each parent.

UNIT: Thermal Energy

- Collect evidence that temperature is related to motion.
- Understand that energy is not created or destroyed. Kinetic energy transfers from faster-moving to slower-moving molecules.
- Model and explain how thermal energy is different from temperature.
- Use evidence and reasoning to support a claim.

UNIT: Weather Patterns

- Understand that the water cycle is an important part of weather.
- Use a simulation to observe and evaluate how clouds are formed and what causes rain.
- Understand how air parcels, winds and pressure are related to our weather.

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