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NATIONAL GOALS OF EDUCATION

Education in Kenya should:

1. Foster nationalism and patriotism and promote national unity

Kenya's people belong to different communities, races and religions, but these differences need not divide them. They must be able to live and interact as Kenyans. It is a paramount duty of education to help young people acquire this sense of nationhood by removing conflicts and promoting positive attitudes of mutual respect which enable them to live together in harmony and foster patriotism in order to make a positive contribution to the life of the nation.

2. Promote the social, economic, technological and industrial needs for national development

Education should prepare the youth of the country to play an effective and productive role in the life of the nation.

a) Social Needs

Education in Kenya must prepare children for changes in attitudes and relationships which are necessary for the smooth progress of a rapidly developing modern economy. There is bound to be a silent social revolution following in the wake of rapid modernization. Education should assist our youth to adapt to this change.

b) Economic Needs

Education in Kenya should produce citizens with the skills, knowledge, expertise and personal qualities that are required to support a growing economy. Kenya is building up a modern and independent economy which is in need of an adequate and relevant domestic workforce.

c) Technological and Industrial Needs

Education in Kenya should provide learners with the necessary skills and attitudes for industrial development. Kenya recognizes the rapid industrial and technological changes taking place, especially in the developed world. We can only be part of this development if our education system is deliberately focused on the knowledge, skills and attitudes that will prepare our young people for these changing global trends.

3. Promote individual development and self-fulfilment

Education should provide opportunities for the fullest development of individual talents and personality. It should help children to develop their potential interests and abilities. A vital aspect of individual development is the building of character.

4. Promote sound moral and religious values

Education should provide for the development of knowledge, skills and attitudes that will enhance the acquisition of sound moral values and help children to grow up into self-disciplined, self-reliant and integrated citizens.

5. Promote social equity and responsibility

Education should promote social equality and foster a sense of social responsibility within an education system which provides equal educational opportunities for all. It should give all children varied and challenging opportunities for collective activities and corporate social service irrespective of gender, ability or geographical environment.

6. Promote respect for and development of Kenya's rich and varied cultures

Education should instill in the youth of Kenya an understanding of past and present cultures and their valid place in contemporary society. Children should be able to blend the best of traditional values with the changing requirements that must follow rapid development in order to build a stable and modern society.

7. Promote international consciousness and foster positive attitudes towards other nations

Kenya is part of the international community. It is part of the complicated and interdependent network of peoples and nations. Education should therefore lead the youth of the country to accept membership of this international community with all the obligations and responsibilities, rights and benefits that this membership entails.

8. Promote positive attitudes towards good health and environmental protection

Education should inculcate in young people the value of good health in order for them to avoid indulging in activities that will lead to physical or mental ill health. It should foster positive attitudes towards environmental development and conservation. It should lead the youth of Kenya to appreciate the need for a healthy environment.

LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR SENIOR SCHOOL

By the end of senior school, the learner should be able to:

- 1. communicate effectively and utilize information and communication technology across varied contexts,
- 2. apply mathematical, logical and critical thinking skills for problem solving,
- 3. apply basic research and scientific skills to manipulate the environment and solve problems,
- 4. exploit individual talents for leisure, self-fulfillment, career growth, further education and training,
- 5. uphold national, moral and religious values and apply them in day-to-day life,
- 6. apply and promote health care strategies in day-to-day life,
- 7. protect, preserve and improve the environment for sustainability,
- 8. demonstrate active local and global citizenship for harmonious co-existence,
- 9. demonstrate appreciation of diversity in people and cultures,
- 10. manage pertinent and contemporary issues responsibly.

THE SENIOR SCHOOL IN THE COMPETENCY BASED CURRICULUM (CBC)

Senior School is the forth level of Basic Education in the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) that learners shall come to after the Pre-Primary, Primary and Junior School (JS). The essence of Senior School is to offer learners a Pre- University/ Precareer experience where the learners have an opportunity to choose pathways where they have demonstrated interest and/or potential at the earlier levels. Senior school comprises three years of education for learners in the age bracket of 15 to 18 years and lays the foundation for further education and training at the tertiary level and the world of work. In the CBC vision, learners exiting this level are expected to be *engaged*, *empowered* and *ethical citizens* ready to participate in the socio-economic development of the nation.

At this level, learners shall take **SEVEN** (07) learning areas (LAs) as recommended by the *Presidential Working Party on Educational Reforms* (PWPER). These shall comprise **Four Compulsory** learning areas, and Three learning areas opted for by the learner according to their choses Pathway. While English and Kiswahili are indicated as Compulsory, the learners who opt for these learning areas as their subjects of specialization shall go through a *differentiated curriculum* in terms of scope, experiences and assessment. Such learners shall; therefore, take *Advanced English* or *Kiswahili Kipevu* with additional two lessons. It is recommended that AT LEAST TWO learning areas should be from chosen Pathway. In exceptional cases, some learners may opt for ONE learning area from the chosen Pathway and a maximum of TWO learning areas from any of the three pathways; depending on the learner's career projections and with guidance by the principals at Senior School.

PROPOSED LIST OF SUBJECTS AT SENIOR SCHOOL

Co	Compulsory Subjects Science, Technology, Engineering &		Soc	cial Sciences	Ar	ts & Sports Science	
	Mathematics (STEM)						
1.	English	5.	Mathematics/Advanced Mathematics	22.	Advanced English	36.	Sports and
2.	Kiswahili/KSL	6.	Biology	23.	Literature in English		Recreation
3.	Community	7.	Chemistry	24.	Indigenous Language	37.	Physical Education
	Service Learning	8.	Physics	25.	Kiswahili Kipevu/Kenya Sign		(C)
4.	Physical	9.	General Science		Language	38.	Music and Dance
	Education	10.	Agriculture	26.	Fasihi ya Kiswahili	39.	Theatre and Film
		11.	Computer Studies	27.	Sign Language	40.	Fine Arts
NB	: ICT skills will be	12.	Home Science	28.	Arabic		
off	ered to all students	13.	Drawing and Design	29.	French		
to f	facilitate learning	14.	Aviation Technology	30.	German		
and	d enjoyment	15.	Building and Construction	31.	Mandarin Chinese		
		16.	Electrical Technology	32.	History and Citizenship		
		17.	Metal Technology	33.	Geography		
		18.	Power Mechanics	34.	Christian Religious Education/		
			Wood Technology		Islamic Religious		
		20.	Media Technology*		Education/Hindu Religious		
		21.	Marine and Fisheries Technology*		Education		
				35.	Business Studies		

LESSON DISTRIBUTION AT SENIOR SCHOOL

The number of lessons in each of the compulsory learning areas shall be 4; while the optional areas shall be 6 lessons each. A lesson shall be 40 minutes. The "free" lessons shall be used for development of ICT skills, Pastoral Instruction Programme (PPI), projects, collaborative study and further reading.

ESSENCE STATEMENT

Biology is a branch of Science that deals with the study of life as manifested in life forms such as viruses, bacteria, fungi and complex organisms such as plants and animals. The interrelationships within, among them and with their environments ensure continuity of life. This depends on the working of this broad spectrum of organisms in relation to that of the humans.

The achievement of Vision 2030 greatly depends on Science, Technology and Innovation. For a breakthrough towards industrialisation, achievement of the desired economic growth targets, social and human capital development through education and training should be prioritised (Sessional Paper No.1 of 2005). This can be achieved by promoting the teaching of science and technology. Sessional paper No. 1 of 2019 also underscores the need for sustainable basic and higher education with emphasis on Science, Technology and Innovation (ST&I). This makes it necessary for Biology as a subject to be taught in Senior School as its content is needed for developing technologies that support humans and other life forms.

The Biology content presents basic knowledge for the learner to understand how the human body and other life systems work. The content provided empowers the learners to make informed decisions in promoting positive attitude towards their individual health, community and the environment for sustainable development.

Biology is a foundational subject for careers in Medicine, Agriculture, Marine Science, Anthropology, Environmental Studies and other related fields. The subject also enables learners to build relevant knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for further education and training in the related careers.

Suggested pedagogical approaches include Inquiry Based Learning, Project Based Learning and Problem Based Learning as advocated by constructivist theory. The theory emphasizes that the learner is given an opportunity to learn through hands-on activities which develop practical life skills.

BIOLOGY GENERAL LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the course the learner should be able to:

- 1. develop relevant knowledge, skills and attitudes for further education and for training in biology related scientific fields;
- 2. demonstrate an understanding of interrelationships among humans, other organisms and their environment and apply the knowledge to conserve nature;
- 3. describe features of various groups of living organisms and identify unknown organisms using simple biological keys;
- 4. apply the knowledge gained on human body systems and functions to improve the quality of life for self and the community while enhancing healthy living;
- 5. design and carry out practical activities and projects that will enable them to understand biological concepts;
- 6. demonstrate relevant technical skills and scientific knowledge necessary for socio-economic development;
- 7. demonstrate resourcefulness in designing projects necessary for community service learning;
- 8. communicate biological information in a precise, clear and logical manner;
- 9. apply knowledge on plant and animal structure and functions to industrialization, innovation and sustainability of life;
- 10. use knowledge gained to make informed decisions about scientifically-based personal and societal issues to solve emerging issues in health and environment.

SUMMARY OF STRANDS AND SUB STRANDS

Strand/ Sub Strand	Suggested Number of Lessons
1.0 Cell Biology and Biodiversity	
1.1 Introduction to Biology	6
1.2 Scientific investigations in Biology	14
1.3 Cell structure and Specialization	20
1.4 Chemicals of life	24
2.0 Anatomy and Physiology of Plants	
2.1 Nutrition	12
2.2 Transport	22
2.3 Gaseous exchange and Respiration	22
3.0 Anatomy and Physiology of Animals	
3.1 Nutrition	12
3.2 Transport	24
3.3 Gaseous exchange and Respiration	24
Total Number of Lessons	180

Note: The suggested number of lessons per Sub Strand may be less or more depending on the content.

STRAND 1.0: CELL BIOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY

Strand	Sub Strand	Specific Learning Outcomes	Suggested Learning Experiences	Suggested Key Inquiry Questions
1.0 Cell Biology and Biodiversity	1.1 Introduction to Biology (6 lessons) • Application of Biology • Fields of study and Careers related to Biology	By the end of the sub strand, the learner should be able to: a) explain the application of Biology in everyday life, b) relate fields of study in Biology to career opportunities, c) Illustrate the careers related to fields of study in Biology, d) appreciate the importance of Biology in everyday life.	 Learner is guided to: search for information on the meaning and application of Biology in everyday life and share with peers, collaboratively search for information from print and non-print media on fields of study in Biology (include Botany, Zoology, Taxonomy, Anatomy, Physiology, Ecology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Genetics, Parasitology, Microbiology, Entomology) and relate them to career opportunities, discuss the factors that influences career choices (include interest, ability). Reinforce on those that should not (gender, culture, disability, environment and stereotypes), 	Why is it important to study Biology?

 use locally available material to design a career wheel to relate fields of study in Biology to careers and make presentations, use flash cards, fishing games or other available materials to present information on fields and careers related to Biology, where possible interact with resource persons whose careers are
related to Biology.

- Imagination and Creativity: The learner visualizes prospective fields and careers related to Biology using flash cards as well as designing career wheels to illustrate the same.
- Self-efficacy: The learner develops a sense of self-awareness while discussing the factors that influence career choices.

Values

- Respect: The learner appreciates diverse opinions during discussions on the factors that influence career choices.
- Responsibility: The learner searches for information on fields of study in Biology from safe internet sites.

Pertinent and Contemporary Issues (PCIs)

- Environmental Conservation: The learner responsibly uses locally available materials to design a career wheel to relate fields of study in Biology to different careers.
- Safety and Security: The learner searches for information on the meaning and application of Biology in everyday life from safe internet sites.

Strand	Sub Strand	Specific Learning Outcomes	Suggested Learning Experiences	Suggested Key Inquiry Questions
1.0 Cell Biology and Biodiversity	1.2 Specimen Collection and Preservation (14 lessons) • Apparatus for collecting specimen • Specimens collecting, processing and preserving • Project on collecting, processing and preserving biological specimens	By the end of the sub strand, the learner should be able to: a) identify apparatus and materials used for collecting, processing and preserving specimens, b) collect, process and preserve specimens for biological studies using improvised and conventional apparatus, c) appreciate the importance of collecting, processing and preserving specimens in Biology.	 in groups search for information on apparatus and materials for collecting specimens, (such as pooter/aspirator, pitfall trap, soapy water, pair of forceps, sweep net/aerial net, light traps, Tullgren funnel, envelopes for butterflies, labels, pencils or permanent ink pens, tracing paper, hand lens, knife/ pair of secateurs, collecting bags labels, hand gloves, digger), improvise apparatus from locally available materials and use them for collecting, processing and preserving specimens, make a herbarium to preserve specimens (pressing, drying, mounting, labeling to include 	How are specimens collected and preserved?

	common/local name and locality, storage and protection), collect small animals using appropriate apparatus (such as pooter/aspirator, pitfall trap, forceps, sweep net/aerial net, light traps, Tullgren funnel, bait trap), search for information on preservatives used in preservatives used in preservation of specimens and discuss with peers, process and preserve animal specimens (sorting, mounting on soft boards, ethanol/wet preservation, labeling).
	Project
	Carry out a project on collecting,
	processing and preserving
	biological specimens (include
	discussion on financial literacy

	components such as planning, budgeting, specimen collection,	
	recording). Learner keeps a	
	portfolio to document progress of	
	the project and make presentations.	

- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving: The learner improvises apparatus from locally available material and uses them for collecting, processing and preserving specimens to address the shortage in their school.
- Self-efficacy: The learner gains self-esteem and confidence while successfully collecting, processing and preserving biological specimens.

Values

- Unity: The learner collaborates with peers while searching for information on apparatus and materials for collecting specimens.
- Integrity: The learner enhances honesty while carrying out the project and keeping a portfolio to document the progress of the project.

Pertinent and Contemporary Issues (PCIs)

- Safety and Security: The learner observes safety precautions while collecting, processing and preserving biological specimens.
- Environmental conservation: The learner conserves the environment while collecting specimens.

Strand	Sub Strand	Specific Learning Outcomes	Suggested Learning Experiences	Suggested Key Inquiry Questions
1.0 Cell Biology and Biodiversity	 1.3 Cell Structure and Specialization (30 lessons) Preparation of slides for observation under a microscope Estimation of cell size during microscopy Differences between the light and electron microscope Cell structure as observed under the electron microscope Differences between plant and animal cells Specialized cells in plants and animals (adaptations to their functions) 	By the end of the sub strand, the learner should be able to: a) differentiate between light and electron microscope as used in the study of cell structure, b) describe the structure and functions of plant and animal cells as observed in an electron microscope, c) prepare temporary slides for observation and estimation of cell size using a light microscope, d) relate the structures of specialized cells in plants and animals to their functions,	 Learner is guided to: search for information sing print and non-print media on structural and functional differences between light and electron microscope, (include the concept of resolution and magnification), carry out experiments on the procedures in preparation of specimen slides for observation on a light microscope, (sectioning, staining, mounting and fixation), prepare temporary slides and use them under light microscope to estimate the cell sizes (use onion bulbs, kales or young herbaceous stems and leaves; avoid use of human specimen), 	 Why do plant and animal cells differ? How are cells specialized?

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 Cell organization 	e) appreciate the cell as	• use
(organelles, cells,	the basic unit of life.	photomicrographs/charts to
tissues, organs and		compare the structure of
organ systems)		plant and animal cells as
organ systems)		seen under electron
		microscope,
		draw and label the structure
		of plant and animal cells as
		seen under electron
		microscope, share with
		peers,
		model the structure of plant
		and animal cells as seen
		under electron microscope,
		discuss the on specialized
		cells in plants and animals,
		and relate them to their
		function (include root hair
		cells, palisade cells, guard
		cells, pollen grains; muscle
		cells, nerve cells, blood
		cells, reproductive
		cells) and share with peers,
		 observe photomicrographs/
		permanent slides of
		specialized plant and
		specialized plant and

animal cells, draw and label,
discuss levels of
organization in an organism
(organelles, cells, tissues,
organs and organ systems).

- Communication and Collaboration: The learner cooperates and shares information in groups as they use photomicrographs to compare the structure of plant and animal cells as seen under electron microscope.
- Digital Literacy: The learner gains digital literacy while searching for information on structural and functional differences between light and electron microscope.

Pertinent and Contemporary Issues (PCIs)

- Safety and Security: The learner observes safety precautions while modeling the structure of plant and animal cells as seen under electron microscope.
- Waste Management: The learner appropriately disposes of the waste materials generated from modeling the structure of plant and animal cells as seen under electron microscope.

- Respect: The learner demonstrates tolerance, respecting peers during the group discussion on the use of photomicrographs to compare the structure of plant and animal cells as seen under electron microscope.
- Responsibility: The learner searches for information from appropriate internet sites on the structural and functional differences between light and electron microscope.

Strand	Sub Strand	Specific Learning Outcomes	Suggested Learning Experiences	Suggested Key Inquiry Questions
1.0 Cell Biology and Biodiversity	1.4 Chemicals of Life (28 lessons) • Composition, properties and functions of chemical of life (Carbohydrates, Lipids, Proteins and Vitamins) • Enzymes (meaning, factors affecting enzymes activity) • Functions of water and mineral salts	By the end of the sub strand, the learner should be able to: a) describe the composition, properties and functions of the chemicals of life in organisms, b) investigate the presence of carbohydrates, lipids, proteins and vitamin C in food substances, c) investigate the presence of enzymes in living tissues, d) determine factors affecting enzymatic reactions in cells, e) appreciate the importance of chemical components in cells.	 Learner is guide to: search for information on the composition, properties and functions of the chemical components in cells, and discuss with peers (carbohydrates, proteins, lipids, enzymes, vitamins, water and mineral salts) and share. Exclude chemical structure for all; omit composition for enzymes, vitamins and mineral salts, carry out experiments to test for the presence of carbohydrates, lipids, proteins and vitamin C in food substances (include locally available food substances), carry out experiments to investigate the presence of catalase enzymes in living tissues, carry out experiments to determine factors affecting enzymatic activities and discuss with peers 	1. How are chemicals important in cells? 2. How is the presence of chemicals of life determined?

	 (pH, temperature, substrate and enzyme concentration), examine packaging labels of common food products, appreciate the quality, quantity, and safety of the chemical components indicated (preservatives, colourings and expiry). 	
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- Critical thinking and Problem Solving: The learner analyzes and makes inferences while carrying out food tests on the various food Suggested s.
- Learning to Learn: The learner examines packaging labels of common food products, appreciates the quality, quantity and safety of the chemical components indicated.

Pertinent and Contemporary Issues (PCIs)

- Safety and Security: The learner observes safety precautions while carrying out experiments on chemicals of life.
- Life Skills: The learner makes preferential decisions about purchasing various food products after examining packaging labels of common food products.

- Love: The learner shares resources and ideas with others while carrying out experiments to determine factors affecting enzymatic activities.
- Unity: The learner collaborates with others while carrying out experiments to investigate the presence of catalase enzymes in living tissues.

Suggested Assessment Rubric

Indicator	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Approaches Expectations	Below Expectations
Ability to relate	Correctly and precisely	Correctly relates all	Relates most fields of	Relates a few fields of
fields of study in	relates all fields of study	fields of study in	study in Biology to	study in Biology to
Biology to career	in Biology to the	Biology to career	career opportunities	career opportunities
opportunities	respective career	opportunities		
	opportunities			
Ability to collect,	Procedurally collects,	Procedurally collects,	Collects, processes and	Collects and processes
process and preserve	sorts, processes and	processes and	preserves specimens for	but fails to preserve
specimens for	preserves specimens for	preserves specimens	biological studies using	specimens for
biological studies	biological studies using	for biological studies	conventional apparatus	biological studies
using improvised	improvised and	using improvised and	only	_
and conventional	conventional apparatus	conventional		
apparatus		apparatus		
Ability to describe	Coherently describes the	Describes the	Partly describes the	Incoherently describes
the structure and	structure and functions of	structure and functions	structure and functions of	the structure and
functions of plant	plant and animal cells as	of plant and animal	plant and animal cells as	functions of plant and
and animal cells as	seen under electron	cells as seen under	seen under electron	animal cells as seen
seen under electron	microscope	electron microscope	microscope	under electron
microscope				microscope
Ability to describe	Correctly describes the	Correctly describes the	describes the	describes the
the composition,	composition, properties	composition,	composition, properties	composition, properties
properties and	and functions of all	properties and	and functions of most of	and functions of a few
functions of the	chemicals of life with	functions of all	the chemicals of life	of the chemicals of life
chemicals of life	appropriate illustrations	chemicals of life		

STRAND 2.0: ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY OF PLANTS

Strand	Sub Strand	Specific Learning	Suggested Learning	Suggested Key
		Outcomes	Experiences	Inquiry Questions
2.0 Anatomy and Physiology of Plants	2.1 Nutrition (12 lessons) • Types of nutrition in plants (Autotrophic and Heterotrophic - parasitic, saprophytic,	Outcomes By the end of the sub strand, the learner should be able to: a) describe types of nutrition in plants, b) relate the structure of the chloroplast to its function in plant cells,	 Experiences Learner is guided to: search for information on different types of nutrition in plants and share with peers, discuss the structure of chloroplast in relation to its function, watch animations/video 	How do plants obtain food?
	 symbiotic and insectivorous modes in plants) Structure of chloroplast Process of photosynthesis 	 c) illustrate the light and dark stages of photosynthesis in plants, d) appreciate the significance of photosynthesis in nature. 	clips on the process of photosynthesis and discuss, in groups use illustrations to show reactions during the light and dark stages of photosynthesis (flow charts, animations, equations),	

- Self-Efficacy: The learner performs assigned tasks while using illustrations to show reactions of the light and dark stages of photosynthesis.
- Digital literacy: The learner manipulates digital devices as they search for information and watch animations on the process of photosynthesis.

Value

- Unity: The learner cooperates with peers during the searching of information and group discussions on the process of photosynthesis.
- Respect: The learner displays patience while listening to peers during the discussion on the structure of chloroplast in relation to its function.

Pertinent and Contemporary Issues

- Environmental Conservation: The learner appreciates the need to conserve the environment while watching animations/video clips on the process of photosynthesis.
- Safety and Security: The learner responsibly uses the internet while searching for information on different types of nutrition in plants.

Strand	Sub Strand	S	pecific Learning	Su	ggested Learning Experiences	Suggested Key
		0	Outcomes			Inquiry Questions
2.0	2.2 Transpo	ort B	By the end of the sub-		arner is guided to:	How are materials
Anatomy	(18 lessons)	st	trand, the learner should be	•	discuss the structures of	transported in
and	 Transpo 	rt system al	ble to:		external parts of a plant in	plants?
Physiology	in plants	\mathbf{a}) relate structures of the		relation to functions (roots,	
of Plants	(structur	re,	plant transport system to		stems and leaves),	
	function	s and	their functions in plants,	•	use a microscope/hand lens to	
	adaptati	ions of b) illustrate the		observe and draw cross-	
	roots, st	ems,	arrangement of vascular		sections of monocotyledonous	
	leaves a	nd	tissues in		and dicotyledonous roots and	
	vascular	r tissues in	monocotyledonous and		stems; identify the similarities	
	relation	to	dicotyledonous plants,		and differences,	
	transpoi	(c)) demonstrate the uptake	•	search for information on	
	 Vascular 	r tissues in	of water and mineral		mechanisms of water and	
	monoco	ts and	salts from the roots to		mineral salt uptake in plants	
	dicots		the leaves,		and discuss with peers	
	• Uptake	of water d) demonstrate factors that		(include: root pressure,	
	and min	eral salt	affect the rate of		capillarity, transpiration pull),	
	 Transpir 	ration	transpiration in plants,	•	carry out experiments to	
	 Mechan 	ism of e)) describe the		demonstrate uptake of water in	
	transloca	ation in	translocation of		plants using locally available	
	plants		manufactured food in		materials (such as transparent	
			plants,		bags, dye/ink experiment) and	
					report findings to peers (where	

(f)	appreciate the	possible, observe exudation,
	significance of transport	guttation, and root pressure),
	in plants.	use digital devices to search
		for animations on uptake of
		water and mineral salts and
		translocation of manufactured
		food from the leaves; share
		with peers,
		search for information from
		available resources on
		structural and environmental
		factors that affect the rate of
		transpiration and share with
		peers,
		carry out experiments to
		demonstrate factors that affect
		the rate of transpiration (use
		locally available materials
		like improvised fan,
		transparent polythene bags,
		light/heat bulbs),
		• carry out a bark
		ringing/girdling experiment to
		demonstrate evidence of
		translocation (to be done

	responsibly at home or school).	
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- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving: The learner objectively analyses results of the bark ringing/girdling experiment to demonstrate evidence of translocation.
- Imagination and Creativity: The learner seeks clarification from others while carrying out the experiment to demonstrate the mechanisms of water and mineral salt uptake.

Pertinent and Contemporary Issues (PCIs)

- Environmental Conservation: The learner responsibly bark-rings or girdles trees to observe translocation.
- Safety and Security: The learner observes safety precautions while taking nature walks and making observations on the differences between monocotyledonous and dicotyledonous plants.

- Responsibility: The learner takes care of trees during the bark ringing/girdling experiment to observe translocation in plants.
- Integrity: The learner displays honesty and truthfulness while reporting their findings on the mechanism of translocation of manufactured food from the leaves.

Strand	Sub Strand	Specific Learning	Suggested Learning Experiences	Suggested Key
		Outcomes		Inquiry Questions
2.0 Anatomy	2.3 Gaseous	By the end of the sub	Learner is guide to:	1. Why is
and Physiology	Exchange and	strand, the learner should	• search for information on the	gaseous
of Plants	Respiration	be able to:	meaning of gaseous exchange	exchange
		a) relate the structure of	and its significance to plants	important to
	(22 lessons)	gaseous exchange	and the environment; discuss	plants?
		sites in plants to their	with peers,	2. How is
	• Structure,	function,	 collect fresh leaves, stems and 	respiration
	adaptations and	b) describe the	roots of plants or use	useful to
	functions of	mechanism of	photomicrographs to observe	plants?
	gaseous exchange	opening and closing	sites of gaseous exchange	
	sites (include	of stomata in plants,	(cuticle, lenticel, stomata, and	
	aquatic and	c) investigate aerobic	pneumatophores); share with	
	-	and anaerobic	peers,	
	terrestrial plants)	respiration in living	• discuss the adaptations of	
	Mechanism of	organisms,	gaseous exchange sites in plants	
	opening and	d) explain the economic	to their to function (include	
	closing of the	importance of anaerobic respiration	aquatic and terrestrial	
	stomata	in nature,	environment),search for information on	
	• Types of	e) appreciate the	search for information on mechanism of opening and	
	respiration	significance of	closing of the stomata; discuss	
	(Aerobic and	gaseous exchange	with peers (include	
	anaerobic)	and respiration to	photosynthetic theory, starch -	

Applications of anaerobic respiration	plants and the environment.	sugar interconversion theory and potassium ions theory), where possible, use digital devices to search for animations showing the mechanism of opening and closing of stomata and discuss with peer, carry out experiments to compare the number, size and distribution of stomata on surfaces of leaves from different habitats, search for information on the process of respiration and share with peers, carry out experiments to distinguish aerobic and anaerobic respiration, discuss the economic importance of anaerobic respiration and share with peers. Project:
		Carry out a project on fermentation using locally available materials

	(biogas production, porridge, silage, liquid manure or baking).	
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- Communication and Collaboration: The learner cooperates with others while discussing theories explaining the mechanism of opening and closing of stomata.
- Learning to Learn: The learner applies the information acquired on the economic importance of anaerobic respiration to carry out the project.

Pertinent and Contemporary Issues (PCIs)

- Waste Management: The learner disposes waste products from the experiments responsibly.
- Financial Literacy: The learner applies knowledge from anaerobic respiration to make fermentation products for sale.

- Responsibility: The learner appropriately disposes of the products of fermentation .
- Social justice: The learner ensures equity, equality and gender balance in distribution of learning resources during group activities.

Suggested Assessment Rubrics

Indicator	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Approaches Expectations	Below Expectations
Ability to illustrate the	Accurately illustrates	Illustrates the light	Partly illustrates the light	Partly illustrates the
light and dark stages of	the light and dark	and dark stages of	and dark stages of	light and dark stages of
photosynthesis	stages of	photosynthesis	photosynthesis	photosynthesis with
	photosynthesis			prompts
Ability to relate the	Comprehensively	Relates the	Relates some structures of	Relates some structures
structures of the plant	relates the structures	structures of the	the plant transport system	of the plant transport
transport system to	of the plant transport	plant transport	to their functions	system to their
their functions	system to their	system to their		functions with
	functions	functions		difficulty
Ability to describe the	Comprehensively	Correctly describes	Partially describes the	Partially describes the
mechanism of opening	describes the	all the mechanism of	mechanism of opening and	mechanism of opening
and closing of stomata	mechanism of opening	opening and closing	closing of stomata in	and closing of stomata
in plants	and closing of	of stomata in plants	plants	in plants with prompts
	stomata in plants			
Ability to describe the	Correctly describes the	Correctly describes	Describes some of the	Describes some of the
economic importance	economic importance	the economic	economic importance of	economic importance
of anaerobic respiration	of anaerobic	importance of	anaerobic respiration	of anaerobic respiration
	respiration citing	anaerobic respiration		with difficulty
	examples			

STRAND 3.0: ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY OF ANIMALS

Strand	Sub Strand	Specific Learning Outcomes	Suggested Learning Experiences	Suggested Key Inquiry Questions
3.0 Anatomy and Physiology of Animals	 3.1 Nutrition (12 lessons) Mouth parts of insects (Adaptations to feeding modes) Beaks of birds (Adaptations to feeding and their functions 	Specific learning outcomes By the end of the sub strand learner should be able to: a) relate the structure of mouthparts of insects to their functions, b) illustrate mouthparts in different insects, c) relate the structure of beaks of birds to their functions, d) appreciate diversity in feeding modes of insects and birds.	 Learner is guided to: collect fresh specimens of locust/grasshopper/cockroach. Observe the mouthparts using a hand lens or dissecting microscope, discuss with peers and draw, search for information on mouthparts of locust/ grasshopper/cockroach (biting and chewing), mosquito (piercing and sucking), butterfly/moth (siphoning), tsetse fly (cutting) and share with peers, watch animations/videos; study illustrations and photographs/photomicrographs of mouthparts of different insects and discuss how the mouthparts are related to the mode of feeding, in groups observe images/animations/charts of beaks of birds showing different modes of feeding (include grains/seeds, 	How do insects and birds feed?

	nectar, fish, flesh, filter feeders, multipurpose, wood chippers, insect eaters, fruit eaters). Discuss how the beaks are adapted to the mode of feeding, undertake a nature walk to observe different birds and their feeding habits. Write a short report on the observed birds.
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- Communication and collaboration: The learner cooperates with others while collecting fresh specimens of insects to observe their mouthparts.
- Digital literacy: The learner uses digital devices to access and watch animations/videos on mouth parts of different insects and beaks of birds.

Pertinent and Contemporary Issues (PCIs)

- Environmental conservation: The learner conserves biodiversity by collecting only the required number of insect specimens.
- Safety and security: The learner observes safety precautions while undertaking nature walk to observe different birds and their feeding habits.

- Responsibility: The learner diligently observes safety precautions as they collect fresh specimens of insects to observe their mouthparts.
- Social justice: The learner promotes equity, equality and gender consideration in distribution of learning resources as well as assigning responsibilities during group activities.

Strand	Sub Strand	Specific Learning outcomes	Suggested Learning Experiences	Suggested Key Inquiry Questions
3.0 Anatomy and Physiology of Animals	 3.2 Transport (14 lessons) Significance of transport in animals Transport systems in insects, fish, amphibians, reptiles and mammals Types of circulatory systems in animals Pumping mechanism of the mammalian heart Human lymphatic and immune systems Blood clotting mechanism in humans. 	By the end of the sub strand the learner should be able to: a) explain the importance of transport in animals, b) illustrate structure of the transport systems in insects, fish, amphibians, reptiles and mammals, c) describe the pumping mechanism of the mammalian heart, d) describe the human lymphatic and immune systems, and blood clotting mechanism, e) explain the ABO and rhesus factor blood grouping systems in humans, f) appreciate the diversity of transport systems in animals.	 Learner is guided to: search and discuss information on the meaning and importance of transport systems in animals, search and discuss information on the structures of transport in insects, fish and amphibians, reptiles and mammals, search for information from available sources and resources on different transport systems in animals (open and closed, single and double circulatory systems), illustrate the systems and share, study illustrations/photographs and where 	 Why is transport important in animals? How do transport systems in animals differ?

ABO and Rhesus	possible watch animations
factor blood grouping	illustrating transport
	systems in fish, insects,
systems in humans	amphibians, reptiles and
	mammals,
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	the transport system in fish, insects and
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	amphibians and peer-
	assess each other's work,
	watch animations
	illustrating the human
	lymphatic system and the
	pumping mechanism of a
	mammalian heart,
	dissect a small mammal to
	observe and draw parts of
	the transport system.
	.watch animations
	illustrating the mechanism
	of blood clotting,
	prepare charts illustrating
	blood donor-recipient
	compatibility,
	• visit a health facility and
	discuss the ABO and

	rhesus blood grouping	
	with a resource person.	

- Critical thinking and problem solving: The learner analyzes the compatibility of blood donor and recipient for safe transfusion of blood.
- Self-efficacy: The learner exhibits confidence and self-esteem during dissection of a small mammal to examine the transport system.

Pertinent and Contemporary Issues (PCIs)

- Animal welfare: The learner handles animals humanely during dissection of animals.
- Life skills: The learner applies peaceful conflict resolution skills while managing dynamics in their groups during the practical activities.

- Love: The learner respects others while searching and discussing information on the transport system of mammals.
- Peace: The learner displays tolerance towards other group members while carrying out the dissection of mammals.

Strand	Sub strand	Specific Learning	Suggested Learning Experiences	Suggested Key
		outcomes		Inquiry Questions
3.0 Anatomy	3.3 Gaseous	By the end of the sub-	Learner is guide to:	1. How does
and	Exchange	strand the learner should	 search and discuss information on 	gaseous
Physiology of	and Respiration	be able to:	characteristics of the respiratory	exchange occur
Animals		a) explain the general	surfaces of animals,	in animals?
	(24 lessons)	characteristics of	observe and discuss images	2. Why is
	 Respiratory 	respiratory surfaces	/photomicrographs of structure and	respiration
	surfaces in	in animals,	adaptations of respiratory surfaces of	important to
	animals	b) describe the	animals (insects-tracheal system,	animals?
	Aerobic and	structure and	respiratory siphons and tracheal	
	anaerobic	adaptations of	gills), fish (gills), amphibians (lungs,	
		respiratory	buccal cavity and skin), birds (lungs)	
	respiration	structures in	and mammals (lungs),	
	 Oxygen debt 	animals,	• collect locusts//grasshoppers from	
	 Factors 	c) describe the	the local environment /or use	
	affecting energy	mechanism of	photographs/illustrations and make	
	requirement	gaseous exchange	observations of gaseous exchange	
	Respiratory	in humans,	structures (spiracles) and draw.	
	substrates and	d) describe the process	Discuss the adaptations of gaseous	
		of aerobic and	exchange sites and structures to their	
	determination	anaerobic	habitat,	
	of the	respiration,	• use fresh specimen /preserved	
	respiratory	e) calculate the	/video/ animations/charts to observe	
	quotient	respiratory quotient for different foods,	gaseous exchange structures in bony	

 Investigating factors affecting the rate of respiration Project: Construction of models to demonstrate the process of gaseous exchange 	f) appreciate the importance of gaseous exchange and respiration in animals.	fish, make labeled drawings and present, dissect a small mammal, observe and draw the gaseous exchange structures, make models to demonstrate inhalation and exhalation in humans, carry out experiments on aerobic and anaerobic respiration, engage in a physical activity and check their breathing rate, search for information on factors affecting energy requirements in humans and calculate respiratory quotient for various foods with peers.	
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- Communication and collaboration: The learner listens keenly to group members and speaks clearly to share information during group activities.
- Learning to learn: The learner develops relationships while sharing information with group members.

Pertinent and Contemporary Issues (PCIs)

- Social awareness skills: The learner communicates effectively to peers while working in groups.
- Animal welfare: The learner handles the animals humanely during the practical and project activities.

Values

• Respect: The learner is considerate of others opinions while working together in groups discussing the adaptations of respiratory sites and structures.

• Responsibility: The learner engages in assigned roles and duties within groups as they search for information on adaptations of respiratory sites.

Suggested Assessment Rubric

Indicator	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Approaches	Below Expectations
			Expectations	
Ability to relate the	Correctly relates,	Correctly relates all the	Relates some structures	Relates some
structure of	providing illustrations of	structures of	of mouthparts of insects	structures of
mouthparts of	structure of mouthparts	mouthparts of insects to	to their functions	mouthparts of insects
insects to their	of insects to their	their functions		to their functions with
functions	functions			difficulty
Ability to describe	Comprehensively	Describes the pumping	Partially describes the	Partially describes the
the pumping	describes the pumping	mechanism of the	pumping mechanism of	pumping mechanism
mechanism of the	mechanism of the	mammalian heart	the mammalian heart	of the mammalian
mammalian heart	mammalian heart			heart with prompts
Ability to describe	Distinctively describes	Accurately describes	Describes the structure	Describes the structure
the structure and	the structure and	the structure and	and adaptations of	and adaptations of
adaptations of	adaptations of respiratory	adaptations of	respiratory structures in	respiratory structures
respiratory structures	structures in animals	respiratory structures in	animals but leaves out	in animals but leaves
in animals		animals	some details	many details
Ability to describe	Comprehensively	Describes the process	Partially describes the	Partially describes the
the process of	describes the process of	of aerobic and	process of aerobic and	process of aerobic and
aerobic and	aerobic and anaerobic	anaerobic respiration	anaerobic respiration	anaerobic respiration
anaerobic respiration	respiration using			with prompts
	illustrations			

APPENDIX: SUGGESTED ASSESSMENT METHODS, LEARNING RESOURCES AND NON FORMAL ACTIVITIES

Assessment Methods in Science	Learning Resources	Non-Formal Activities
 Reflections Game Playing Pre-Post Testing Model Making Explorations Experiments Investigations Conventions, Conferences and Debates Teacher Observations Project Journals Portfolio Oral or Aural Questions Learner's Profile Written Tests Anecdotal Records 	 Laboratory Apparatus and Equipment Textbooks Models Digital media (Radio and TV education programmes, Kenya education cloud and OERs) Print media (charts, pictures, journals, magazines) Digital Devices Software Recordings Resource persons 	 Visit the science historical sites. Use digital devices to conduct scientific research. Organising walks to have live learning experiences. Developing simple guidelines on how to identify and solve some community problems. Conducting science document analysis. Participating in talks by resource persons on science concepts. Participating in science clubs and so cieties. Attending and Participating in Science and Engineering fairs. Organising and participating in exchange programs. Making oral presentations and demonstrations on science issues.





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