

Grade 8 Curriculum Guide

This guide was developed with the intention of helping teachers and school site administrators in California review the elementary science curriculum and compare it to an idealized model that is presented in the document. Part I of the guide provides a summary of a number of characteristics considered to be important to a strong elementary science program. It was designed to aid teachers, principals, and parents in identifying features of their local science program where attention is needed. Part II presents a full-scale portrait of an elementary science program that focuses on the development of student understanding. This section presents teaching ideas that are concerned with both the knowledge base and science process skills. Common themes are present in the discussion of science instruction in the various subject areas. The disciplines and associated themes addressed are: (1) biological science (cells, genetics, evolution, plants, protists, animals, human beings, ecosystems); (2) earth science (astronomy, geology and natural resources, meteorology, oceanography and hydrology); and (3) physical science (matter, mechanics, energy sources and transformation, heat, light, electricity, magnetism, and sound). (TW)

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PREFACE The Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), sponsored by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA) and the governments of the participating countries, is a comparative study of education in mathematics and the sciences conducted in approximately 50 educational systems on six continents. The goal of TIMSS is to measure student achievement in mathematics and science in participating countries and to assess some of the curricular and classroom factors that are related to student learning in these subjects. The study is intended to provide educators and policy makers with an unparalleled and multidimensional perspective on mathematics and science curricula; their implementation; the nature of student performance in mathematics and science; and the social, economic, and educational context in which these occur. TIMSS focuses on student learning and achievement in mathematics and science at three different age levels, or populations. • Population 1 is defined as all students enrolled in the two adjacent grades that contain the largest proportion of 9-year-old students; • Population 2 is defined as all students enrolled in the two adjacent grades that contain the largest proportion of 13-year-old students; and • Population 3 is defined as all students in their final year of secondary education, including students in vocational education programs. In addition, Population 3 has two “specialist” subpopulations: students taking advanced courses in mathematics (mathematics specialists), and students taking advanced courses in physics (physics specialists).

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