

New Mexico Content Standards and Benchmarks
Science

Content Standards	Benchmarks
1. Students will understand science concepts of order and organization.	a, b
2. Students will use evidence, models and explanations to explore the physical world.	a, b, c
3. Students will use form and function to organize and understand the physical world.	a
4. Students will understand the physical world through the concepts of change, equilibrium and measurement.	a, b, c, d, e, f
5. Students will acquire the abilities to do scientific inquiry.	a, b
6. Students will understand the process of scientific inquiry.	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h
7. Students will know and understand the properties of matter.	none
8. Students will know and understand the properties of fields, forces and motion.	none
9. Students will know and understand the concepts of energy and the transformation of energy.	none
10. Students will know and understand the characteristics that are the basis for classifying organisms.	a, b
11. Students will know and understand the synergy among organisms and the environments of organisms.	a, b, c, d, e, f, g
12. Students will know and understand properties of Earth Science.	none
13. Students will know and understand basic concepts of cosmology.	none
14. Students will know and understand the differences between and the interactions of science and technology.	a, b, c, d
15. Students will know and understand the impact between science and technology in society.	e, g
16. The students will know and understand the relationship between natural hazards and environmental risks for organisms.	a, b, c

New Mexico Content Standards and Benchmarks
Mathematics

Content Standards	Benchmarks
1. Students will understand and use mathematics in problem solving.	a, b, c, d, e, f
2. Students will understand and use mathematics in communication.	a, b, c, d, f
3. Students will understand and use mathematics in reasoning.	a, b, c, d, e
4. Students will understand and use mathematical connections.	a, b, c, d, e
5. Students will understand and use numbers and number relationships.	a, b, c, d
6. Students will understand and use number systems and number theory.	a, b, c, d, e
7. Students will understand and use computation and estimation.	a, b, c
8. Students will have a foundation in geometric concepts.	none
9. Students will understand and use measurement.	a, b
10. Students will understand and use statistics.	a, c, d, e, f
11. Students will understand and use probability.	a, b, c, d
12. Students will understand and use patterns and functions.	a, b, c, d, e
13. Students will understand and apply algebraic concepts.	a, b, c, d, e, g

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science
112.43 Biology

Scientific Processes and Concepts	Benchmarks
1. Scientific process. The student, for at least 40% of instructional time, conducts field and laboratory investigations using safe, environmentally appropriate, and ethical practices.	a, b
2. Scientific process. The student uses scientific methods during field and laboratory investigations.	a, b, c, d
3. Scientific process. The student uses critical thinking and scientific problem solving to make informed decisions.	a, c, e
4. Science concepts. The student knows that cells are basic structures of all living things and have specialized parts that perform specific functions, and that viruses are different from cells and have different properties and functions.	b
5. Science concepts. The student knows how an organism grows and how specialized cells, tissues, and organs develop.	a
6. Science concepts. The student knows the structures and functions of nucleic acids in the mechanisms of genetics.	d
7. Science concepts. The student knows the theory of biological evolution.	a, b
8. Science concepts. The student knows applications of taxonomy and can identify its limitations.	a, b, c
9. Science concepts. The student knows metabolic processes and energy transfers that occur in living organisms.	d
10. Science concepts. The student knows that, at all levels of nature, living systems are found within other living systems, each with its own boundary and limits.	b
11. Science concepts. The student knows that organisms maintain homeostasis.	b, c, d
12. Science concepts. The student knows that interdependence and interactions occur within an ecosystem.	b, c, d, e
13. Science concepts. The student knows the significance of plants in the environment.	none

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science
112.44 Environmental Systems

Scientific Processes and Concepts	Student Expectations
1. Scientific processes. The student, for at least 40% of instructional time, conducts field and laboratory investigations using safe, environmentally appropriate, and ethical practices.	a, b
2. Scientific processes. The student uses scientific methods during field and laboratory investigations.	a, b, c, d
3. Scientific processes. The student uses critical thinking and scientific problem solving to make informed decisions.	a, b, c
4. Science concepts. The student knows the relationships of biotic and abiotic factors within habitats, ecosystems, and biomes.	a, b, c, d, e
5. Science concepts. The student knows the interrelationships among the resources within the local environmental system.	a, f
6. Science concepts. The student knows the sources and flow of energy through an environmental system.	d
7. Science concepts. The student knows the relationship between carrying capacity and changes in populations and ecosystems.	a, d
8. Science concepts. The student knows that environments change.	a, b, c, d

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science
112.45 Chemistry

Scientific Processes and Concepts	Student Expectations
1. The student, for at least 40% of the instructional time, conducts field and laboratory investigations using safe, environmentally appropriate, and ethical practices.	a, b
2. The student uses scientific methods during field and laboratory investigations.	a, b, c, d, e
3. The student uses critical thinking and scientific problem solving to make informed decisions.	a
4. The student knows the characteristics of matter.	none
5. The student knows that energy transformations occur during physical or chemical changes in matter.	a
6. The student knows that atomic structure is determined by nuclear composition, allowable electron cloud, and subatomic particles.	none
7. The student knows the variables that influence the behavior of gases.	none
8. The student knows how atoms form bonds to acquire a stable arrangement of electrons.	none
9. The student knows the processes, effects, and significance of nuclear fission and nuclear fusion.	none
10. The student knows common oxidation-reduction reactions.	none
11. The student knows that balanced chemical equations are used to interpret and describe the interactions of matter.	none
12. The student knows the factors that influence the solubility of solutes in a solvent.	none
13. The student knows the relationships among the concentration, electrical conductivity, and colligative properties of a solution.	none
14. The student knows the properties and behavior of acids and bases.	none
15. The student knows factors involved in chemical reactions.	none

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science
112.47 Physics

Scientific Processes and Concepts	Student Expectations
1. The student, for at least 40% of the instructional time, conducts field and laboratory investigations using safe, environmentally appropriate, and ethical practices.	a, b
2. The student uses scientific methods during field and laboratory investigations.	a, b, c, d, e, f
3. The student uses critical thinking and scientific problem solving to make informed decisions.	a, b, c
4. The student knows the laws governing motion.	e
5. The student knows that changes occur within a physical system and recognizes that energy and momentum are conserved.	none
6. The student knows forces in nature.	none
7. The student knows the laws of thermodynamics.	none
8. The student knows the characteristics and behaviors of waves.	none
9. The student knows simple examples of quantum physics.	none

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics

Knowledge and Skills and Performance Descriptions	Student Expectations
1. Number operation and quantitative reasoning: Student understands that different forms of numbers are appropriate for different situations.	a, b
2. Number operation & quantitative reasoning: Student selects & uses appropriate operations to solve problems & justify solutions.	a, b, c
3. Patterns, relationships, and algebraic thinking: Student identifies proportional relationships in problem situations & solves problems.	a
4. Patterns, relationships, and algebraic thinking: Student makes connections among various representations of a numerical relationship.	a
5. Patterns, relationships and algebraic thinking: Student uses graphs, tables, & algebraic representations to make predictions and solve problems.	a
6. Geometry and spatial reasoning: Student uses transformational geometry to develop spatial sense.	b
7. Geometry and spatial reasoning: Student uses geometry to model and describe the physical world.	b, d
8. Measurement: Student uses procedures to determine measures of solids.	c
9. Measurement: Student uses indirect measurement to solve problems.	b
10. Measurement: Student describes how changes in dimensions affect linear, area, and volume measures.	a
11. Probability and Statistics: Student applies concepts of theoretical and experimental probability to make predictions.	a
12. Probability and statistics: Student uses statistical procedures to describe data.	b, c
13. Probability and statistics: Student evaluates predictions and conclusions based on statistical data.	a
14. Underlying processes and mathematical tools: Student applies mathematics to solve problems connected to everyday experiences, investigations in other disciplines, activities in and outside of school.	a, b, c, d
15. Underlying processes and mathematical tools: Student communicates about mathematics through informal and mathematical language, representations, and models.	a
16. Underlying processes and mathematical tools: Student uses logical reasoning to make conjectures and verify conclusions.	a, b