Fairfield Public Schools
Science Curriculum

Human Anatomy and Physiology:
Blood, Guts, Senses and Defenses

Human Anatomy and Physiology – Blood, Guts, Senses and Defenses: Description

Human Anatomy and Physiology – Blood, Guts, Senses and Defenses is a one semester course that is offered in the fall semester. The focus of this semester is the cardiovascular and circulatory, digestive, senses, and immune response of our bodies. This course is intended to delve deeply into each of these systems and to discover how they work individually and together so our bodies can function. Emphasis is placed on applying knowledge of the systems to look at case studies.

Standards for this course are taken from the *Next Generation Science Standards* and are of three types:

Disciplinary Core Ideas (DCIs): Shown as content objectives, these standards define what students should know about the most essential ideas in the major science disciplines. The focus is on a limited number of core ideas in science and engineering both within and across the disciplines to avoid the shallow coverage of a large number of topics and to allow more time for teachers and students to explore each idea in greater depth. Reduction of the sheer sum of details to be mastered is intended to give time for students to engage in scientific investigations and argumentation and to achieve depth of understanding of the core ideas presented.

Science and Engineering Practices (SEP): These standards enable students to apply the content in the DCI's and the skills of practicing scientists and engineers to explain phenomena and solve real world problems. Engaging in the practices of science helps students understand how scientific knowledge develops; such direct involvement gives them an appreciation of the wide range of approaches that are used to investigate, model, and explain the world. Engaging in the practices of engineering likewise helps students understand the work of engineers, as well as the links between engineering and science.

Crosscutting Concepts: These standards provide students with connections and intellectual tools that are related across the differing areas of disciplinary content and can enrich their application of practices and their understanding of core ideas. These broad concepts tie together the influence of engineering, technology, and science on society and the natural world.

http://www.nextgenscience.org/next-generation-science-standards

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Enduring Understandings

Our bodies have individual systems that work together to keep us alive and healthy.
Each of those systems has a special purpose that is essential for life.
If something goes wrong in one system, it affects others and our health.

Course Essential Questions

- How is the human body designed to maintain structure and function?
- How do human body systems work together to maintain homeostasis?
- What is the impact if a human body system does not function properly and fails to maintain homeostasis?

Human Anatomy and Physiology – Blood, Guts, Senses, and Defenses: Semester-at-a-Glance

Unit	Title	Unit Essential Questions
1	Cardiovascular System and Blood	● Why is a cardiovascular system necessary for the form and function of the human body? ● How does the cardiovascular interact with other body systems to maintain homeostasis? ● Why is blood as a body fluid necessary for human body function? ● What are the scientific names and associated functions of the major parts of the cardiovascular system? ● What types of diseases and deficiencies affect the cardiovascular system and blood?
2	Immune System	● Why is an immune system necessary for the proper functioning of the human body? ● What are the main components of the immune system? ● What are the scientific names and associated functions of the major components of the immune system? ● How does the immune system interact with other body systems to maintain homeostasis? ● What types of disease and deficiencies affect the immune system?
3	Respiratory System	● Why is a respiratory system necessary for the form and function of the human body? ● What are the main parts of the respiratory system? ● What are the scientific names and associated functions of the major parts of the respiratory system? ● What types of disease and deficiencies affect the respiratory system?
4	Digestive System	● Why is a digestive system necessary for the form and function of the human body? ● What are the main parts of the digestive system? ● What are the scientific names and associated functions of the major parts of the digestive system? ● What types of disease and deficiencies affect the digestive system?
5	Special Senses	● What are the special senses? ● How do the special senses contribute to the functioning of the human body? ● How do the special senses allow us to sense and respond to environmental stimuli? ● What are the anatomical features and associated functions of the eye, ear, nose and tongue? What types of diseases and deficiencies affect the special senses?

Unit 1: Cardiovascular System and Blood

Overview

The primary organs of the cardiovascular system are the heart and blood vessels. Using blood as the transporting fluid, the cardiovascular system carries oxygen, nutrients, hormones, and other substances to and from the tissue cells where exchanges are made. The heart acts as the blood pump, propelling blood through the blood vessels to all body tissues.

Unit Content Objectives

HS-LS1-1. Construct an explanation based on evidence for how the structure of DNA determines the structure of proteins, which carry out the essential functions of life through systems of specialized cells.
HS-LS1-2. Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms.
HS-LS1-3. Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that feedback mechanisms maintain homeostasis**.**
HS-LS1-4. Use a model to illustrate the role of cellular division (mitosis) and differentiation in producing and maintaining complex organisms.
HS-LS1-6. Construct and revise an explanation based on evidence for how carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen from sugar molecules may combine with other elements to form amino acids and/or other large carbon-based molecules.
HS-LS1-7. Use a model to illustrate that cellular respiration is a chemical process whereby the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and the bonds in new compounds are formed, resulting in a net transfer of energy.

Unit Essential Question

- Why is a cardiovascular system necessary for the form and function of the human body?
- How does the cardiovascular interact with other body systems to maintain homeostasis?
- Why is blood as a body fluid necessary for human body function?
- What are the scientific names and associated functions of the major parts of the cardiovascular system?
- What types of diseases and deficiencies affect the cardiovascular system and blood?

Crosscutting Concepts

Systems and System Models

- Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions-including energy, matter, and information flows—within and between systems at different scales. (HS-LS1-2), (HS-LS1-4)

Energy and Matter

- Changes of energy and matter in a system can be described in terms of energy and matter flows into, out of, and within that system. (HS-LS1-5), (HS-LS1-6)
- Energy cannot be created or destroyed-it only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems. (HS-LS1-7)

Structure and Function

- Investigating or designing new systems or structures requires a detailed examination of the properties of different materials, the structures of different components, and connections of components to reveal its function and/or solve a problem. (HS-LS1-1)

Stability and Change

- Feedback (negative or positive) can stabilize or destabilize a system. (HSLS1-3)

NGSS Unit Standards

DISCIPLINARY CORE IDEAS (DCI):

Structure and Function

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- All cells contain genetic information in the form of DNA molecules. Genes are regions in the DNA that contain the instructions that code for the formation of proteins, which carry out most of the work of cells. (HS-LS1-1)
- Multicellular organisms have a hierarchical structural organization, in which any one system is made up of numerous parts and is itself a component of the next level. (HS-LS1-2)
- Feedback mechanisms maintain a living system's internal conditions within certain limits and mediate behaviors, allowing it to remain alive and functional even as external conditions change within some range. Feedback mechanisms can encourage (through positive feedback) or discourage (negative feedback) what is going on inside the living system. (HS-LS1-3)

Growth and Development of Organisms

- In multicellular organisms individual cells grow and then divide via a process called mitosis, thereby allowing the organism to grow. The organism begins as a single cell (fertilized egg) that divides successively to produce many cells, with each parent cell passing identical genetic material (two variants of each chromosome pair) to both daughter cells. Cellular division and differentiation produce and maintain a complex organism, composed of systems of tissues and organs that work together to meet the needs of the whole organism. (HS-LS1-4)

Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms

- The sugar molecules thus formed contain carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen: their hydrocarbon backbones are used to make amino acids and other carbon-based molecules that can be assembled into larger molecules (such as proteins or DNA), used for example to form new cells. (HS-LS1-6)
- As matter and energy flow through different organizational levels of living systems, chemical elements are recombined in different ways to form different products. (HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7)
- As a result of these chemical reactions, energy is transferred from one system of interacting molecules to another. Cellular respiration is a chemical process in which the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and new compounds are formed that can transport energy to muscles. Cellular respiration also releases the energy needed to maintain body temperature despite ongoing energy transfer to the surrounding environment. (HS-LS1-7)

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING PRACTICES (SEP):

Developing and Using Models

- Develop and use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-LS1-2)
- Use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HSLS1-4),(HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-7)

Planning and Carrying Out Investigations

- Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. (HS-LS1-3)

Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions

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Mathematics – MP.4, HSF-IF.C.7, HSF-BF.A.1

Unit 2: Immune System

Overview

The human body is constantly exposed to pathogens yet remains healthy most of the time. Body defenses are composed of the nonspecific and the specific defense systems. The nonspecific defense system responds immediately to protect the body from all foreign substances. The specific defense system mounts the attack against particular foreign substances. Working together these two defense systems protect us from infection and disease.

Unit Content Objectives

At the conclusion of this unit, students will be able to:

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HS-LS1-3. Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that feedback mechanisms maintain homeostasis**.**

HS-LS1-4. Use a model to illustrate the role of cellular division (mitosis) and differentiation in producing and maintaining complex organisms.

HS-LS1-6. Construct and revise an explanation based on evidence for how carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen from sugar molecules may combine with other elements to form amino acids and/or other large carbon-based molecules.

HS-LS1-7. Use a model to illustrate that cellular respiration is a chemical process whereby the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and the bonds in new compounds are formed, resulting in a net transfer of energy.

Unit Essential Questions

- Why is an immune system necessary for the proper functioning of the human body?
- What are the main components of the immune system?
- What are the scientific names and associated functions of the major components of the immune system?
- How does the immune system interact with other body systems to maintain homeostasis?
- What types of disease and deficiencies affect the immune system?

Crosscutting Concepts

Systems and System Models

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Structure and Function

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Stability and Change

- Feedback (negative or positive) can stabilize or destabilize a system. (HSLS1-3)

NGSS Unit Standards

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Growth and Development of Organisms

- In multicellular organisms individual cells grow and then divide via a process called mitosis, thereby allowing the organism to grow. The organism begins as a single cell (fertilized egg) that divides successively to produce many cells, with each parent cell passing identical genetic material (two variants of each chromosome pair) to both daughter cells. Cellular division and differentiation produce and maintain a complex organism, composed of systems of tissues and organs that work together to meet the needs of the whole organism. (HS-LS1-4)

Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms

- The sugar molecules thus formed contain carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen: their hydrocarbon backbones are used to make amino acids and other carbon-based molecules that can be assembled into larger molecules (such as proteins or DNA), used for example to form new cells. (HS-LS1-6)
- As matter and energy flow through different organizational levels of living systems, chemical elements are recombined in different ways to form different products. (HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7)
- As a result of these chemical reactions, energy is transferred from one system of interacting molecules to another. Cellular respiration is a chemical process in which the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and new compounds are formed that can transport energy to muscles. Cellular respiration also releases the energy needed to maintain body temperature despite ongoing energy transfer to the surrounding environment. (HS-LS1-7)

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Planning and Carrying Out Investigations

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Unit 3: Respiratory System

Overview

The job of the respiratory system is to keep the body constantly supplied with oxygen and to remove carbon dioxide. The process and importance of gas exchange through the components of the respiratory system will be the main focus of the unit.

Unit Content Objectives

At the conclusion of this unit, students will be able to:

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HS-LS1-2. Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms.

HS-LS1-3. Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that feedback mechanisms maintain homeostasis**.**

HS-LS1-4. Use a model to illustrate the role of cellular division (mitosis) and differentiation in producing and maintaining complex organisms.

HS-LS1-6. Construct and revise an explanation based on evidence for how carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen from sugar molecules may combine with other elements to form amino acids and/or other large carbon-based molecules.

HS-LS1-7. Use a model to illustrate that cellular respiration is a chemical process whereby the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and the bonds in new compounds are formed, resulting in a net transfer of energy.

Unit Essential Questions

- Why is a respiratory system necessary for the form and function of the human body?
- What are the main parts of the respiratory system?
- What are the scientific names and associated functions of the major parts of the respiratory system?
- What types of disease and deficiencies affect the respiratory system?

Crosscutting Concepts

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NGSS Unit Standards

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Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms

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Unit 4: Digestive System

Overview

The role of the digestive system and accessory organs is to break down food and deliver the products to the blood for dispersal to body cells. The breakdown activities that begin in the mouth are completed in the small intestine. Any undigested material that remains in the tract is eliminated from the body as feces. The absorbed nutrients provide the body with energy and the raw materials necessary for body maintenance and growth.

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Unit Essential Questions

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Unit 5: Special Senses

Overview

Humans are constantly exposed to a tremendous amount of environmental stimuli. Smell, taste, sight, hearing and equilibrium are the special senses that allow humans to interpret and respond to multiple stimuli. The special sense receptors are either large, complex sensory organs (eyes and ears) or localized clusters of receptors (taste buds on the tongue and olfactory receptors in the nose). Sensory inputs are overlapping; what we finally experience is a combination of our sensory experiences.

Unit Content Objectives

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Unit Essential Questions

- What are the special senses?
- How do the special senses contribute to the functioning of the human body?
- How do the special senses allow us to sense and respond to environmental stimuli?
- What are the anatomical features and associated functions of the eye, ear, nose and tongue?
- What types of diseases and deficiencies affect the special senses?

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Energy and Matter

- Changes of energy and matter in a system can be described in terms of energy and matter flows into, out of, and within that system. (HS-LS1-5), (HS-LS1-6)
- Energy cannot be created or destroyed-it only moves between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems. (HS-LS1-7)

Structure and Function

- Investigating or designing new systems or structures requires a detailed examination of the properties of different materials, the structures of different components, and connections of components to reveal its function and/or solve a problem. (HS-LS1-1)

Stability and Change

- Feedback (negative or positive) can stabilize or destabilize a system. (HSLS1-3)

NGSS Unit Standards

DISCIPLINARY CORE IDEAS (DCI):

Structure and Function

- Systems of specialized cells within organisms help them perform the essential functions of life. (HS-LS1-1)
- All cells contain genetic information in the form of DNA molecules. Genes are regions in the DNA that contain the instructions that code for the formation of proteins, which carry out most of the work of cells. (HS-LS1-1)
- Multicellular organisms have a hierarchical structural organization, in which any one system is made up of numerous parts and is itself a component of the next level. (HS-LS1-2)
- Feedback mechanisms maintain a living system's internal conditions within certain limits and mediate behaviors, allowing it to remain alive and functional even as external conditions change within some range. Feedback mechanisms can encourage (through positive feedback) or discourage (negative feedback) what is going on inside the living system. (HS-LS1-3)

Growth and Development of Organisms

- In multicellular organisms individual cells grow and then divide via a process called mitosis, thereby allowing the organism to grow. The organism begins as a single cell (fertilized egg) that divides successively to produce many cells, with each parent cell passing identical genetic material (two variants of each chromosome pair) to both daughter cells. Cellular division and differentiation produce and maintain a complex organism, composed of systems of tissues and organs that work together to meet the needs of the whole organism. (HS-LS1-4)

Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms

- The sugar molecules thus formed contain carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen: their hydrocarbon backbones are used to make amino acids and other carbon-based molecules that can be assembled into larger molecules (such as proteins or DNA), used for example to form new cells. (HS-LS1-6)
- As matter and energy flow through different organizational levels of living systems, chemical elements are recombined in different ways to form different products. (HS-LS1-6),(HS-LS1-7)
- As a result of these chemical reactions, energy is transferred from one system of interacting molecules to another. Cellular respiration is a chemical process in which the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and new compounds are formed that can transport energy to muscles. Cellular respiration also releases the energy needed to maintain body temperature despite ongoing energy transfer to the surrounding environment. (HS-LS1-7)

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING PRACTICES (SEP):

Developing and Using Models

- Develop and use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HS-LS1-2)
- Use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system. (HSLS1-4),(HS-LS1-5),(HS-LS1-7)

Planning and Carrying Out Investigations

- Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly. (HS-LS1-3)

Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions

- Construct an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS1-1)
- Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (HS-LS1-6)

Corresponding CT Core Standards:

ELA/Literacy – RST.11-12.1, WHST.9-12.2, WHST.9-12.5, WHST.9-12.7, WHST.11-12.8, WHST.9-12.9, SL.11-12.5

Mathematics – MP.4, HSF-IF.C.7, HSF-BF.A.1