MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE - Supported Independence

Grade Span	Emerging	Attained	Surpassed
Middle School General Statement	Based on the Supported Independence EBs, a student who is emerging toward the performance standard should typically, with moderate assistance, be able to	Based on the Supported Independence EBs, a student who attained the performance standard should typically, with minimal assistance, be able to	Based on the Supported Independence EBs, ¹ a student who surpassed the performance standard should typically, with limited to no assistance, be able to
Constructing New Scientific Knowledge Performance Level Descriptor	Demonstrate a <i>limited</i> ability to: • Identify simple devices • Answer questions about the world based on observation and/or description	Demonstrate a basic ability to: • Identify simple devices • Answer questions about the world based on observation and/or description	Demonstrate a consistent ability to: • Identify simple devices • Answer questions about the world based on observation and/or description
Reflecting on Scientific Knowledge Performance Level Descriptor	Demonstrate a <i>limited</i> ability to: • Identify science concepts in common activities • Develop an awareness of the natural world	Demonstrate a basic ability to: Identify science concepts in common activities Develop an awareness of the natural world	Demonstrate a consistent ability to: Identify science concepts in common activities Develop an awareness of the natural world
Using Life Science Knowledge Performance Level Descriptor	Demonstrate a limited ability to: Discriminate between living/non-living Identify characteristics of plants/animals Sequence life cycles of plants Sort food into groups Associate senses with body parts Match parent/offspring	Demonstrate a basic ability to: Discriminate between living/non-living Identify characteristics of plants/animals Sequence life cycles of plants Sort food into groups Associate senses with body parts Match parent/offspring	Demonstrate a consistent ability to: Discriminate between living/non-living Identify characteristics of plants/animals Sequence life cycles of plants Sort food into groups Associate senses with body parts Match parent/offspring

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Using Physical Science Knowledge Performance Level Descriptor	Demonstrate a <i>limited</i> ability to: • Identify attributes of common objects • Identify changes/states in matter • Recognize movement of objects • Identify simple machines • Identify light sources	Demonstrate a basic ability to: • Identify attributes of common objects • Identify changes/states in matter • Recognize movement of objects • Identify simple machines • Identify light sources	Demonstrate a consistent ability to: Identify attributes of common objects Identify changes/states in matter Recognize movement of objects Identify simple machines Identify light sources
Using Earth Science Knowledge Performance Level Descriptor	Demonstrate a limited ability to:	Demonstrate a basic ability to: • Identify conservation routines • Identify safety precautions with water/uses of water • Identify weather conditions/sources of weather information • Identify differences between day/night	Demonstrate a consistent ability to: • Identify conservation routines • Identify safety precautions with water/uses of water • Identify weather conditions/sources of weather information • Identify differences between day/night

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