

February 17, 2023

Paul Allen, Director, ECSD Secondary Curriculum and Instruction

Dear Paul,

A am submitting documents to be included for the ECSD Board of Trustees agenda to review and submit the application for Academic Credit for Career and Technical Education Coursework, effective Fall 2023-Spring 2025, as per NAC 389.672.

The Academic credit requested is as follows:

Completion of CTE Courses Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources and Plant
 Systems are equivalent to earning one science credit towards high school graduation

The documents that are attached include:

- Language of NAC 389.672
- Statement of Academic Credit to be granted, signed by the committee members
- Letters of Appointment of the committee members
- Academic Credit for Career and Technical Education Handbook with Science Alignment document that verifies the alignment of the CTE course standards with the academic standards to be taught in the CTE course.
- Copy of the student notification letter

Once approved by the ECSD Board of Trustees, the minutes of the meeting of approval will be attached, and the documents will be sent to the Board of Education for approval.

Please feel free to contact me for any further information regarding this matter.

Heather Steel, ECSD CTE Facilitator



NAC 389.672 Academic credit for a course of study in career and technical education: Limitations and prerequisites. (NRS 385.080, 385.110, 388.360)

- 1. A board of trustees may allow a pupil to earn, towards the units necessary for graduation from high school, two units of the credit required in English, one unit required in mathematics, one unit required in science and one-half unit required in health if he or she is enrolled in a course of study in career and technical education approved pursuant to this section within one of the program areas set forth in subsection 1 of NAC
 389.803 and that course includes, as part of its curriculum, the curriculum of the required course.
- 2. The superintendent of the school district shall appoint a committee composed of one person certified to teach in the course of study in career and technical education and one person certified to teach in the academic area in which the credit may be earned. The committee must verify to the board of trustees that the curriculum for the course of study in career and technical education includes the curriculum of the required course of study for which a pupil may earn credit.
- 3. After verification has been received by the board of trustees, the written curriculum and title of the course of study in career and technical education and a statement of the academic credit to be granted must be submitted to the State Board of Education for approval. Academic credit may be granted for the course of study in career and technical education or a combination of courses only after the State Board of Education has given its approval.
- 4. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may give approval for the granting of academic credit to a board of trustees requesting to use a curriculum for a course of study in career and technical education that has been approved by the State Board of Education for another school district if:
 - (a) The procedures set forth in subsection 2 were followed by the requesting district; and
- (b) The board of trustees provides assurances that it will not deviate from the curriculum that has been approved by the State Board of Education.
- 5. A pupil who earns academic credit pursuant to this section must be notified that the approval for academic credit is designed to meet the requirements for graduation from high school and may not necessarily be accepted for academic credit by a specific postsecondary institution. A copy of the notification given to the pupil must accompany the other materials to be submitted to the State Board of Education for final approval.
 - 6. A minimum number of credits must be earned in the respective academic areas, as follows:
 - (a) At least two credits must be earned in the academic mathematics department;
 - (b) At least one credit must be earned in the academic science department; and
 - (c) At least two credits must be earned in the academic English department.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Education, eff. 5-4-87; A by Bd. for Occupational Education, 3-27-92; 11-17-95; A by Bd. of Education by R069-97, 12-10-97, eff. 9-1-99; R155-01, 12-17-2001; R195-01, 4-1-2002; R165-03, R166-03, R184-03 & R185-03, 1-22-2004; R236-03, 3-19-2004; A by Bd. for Career & Tech. Educ. by R172-05, 2-23-2006; A by Bd. of Education by R132-10, 12-16-2010; A by R087-12, 11-1-2012)



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February 13, 2023

Paul Allen

Director, ECSD Secondary Curriculum and Instruction

Dear Paul,

The Nevada Department of Education Standards for the Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources and Plant Systems, as well as the Nevada Academic Content Standards for Science have been reviewed by Agriculture Education and Biological Science staff and have been found to meet the conditions for academic science credit, set forth by NAC 389.672, as outlined by the Nevada Department of Education Office of Career Readiness, Adult Learning, and Education Options Academic Credit for Career and Technical Coursework Procedural Recommendation.

Heather Steel, CTE Facilitator

Tevyn Thomas, Biological Sciences Instructor

Ryan Carpenter, Agriculture Education



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February 9, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

I have appointed Tevyn Thomas, who teaches Science at Elko High School, to serve on the Plant Systems Academic Credit Review Committee. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Clayton Anderson Superintendent

Elko County School District

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your student is enrolled in the Career and Technical Education course <u>Plant Systems</u> that qualifies for academic credit. By successfully completing the CTE course your student may earn up to 1 credit in the academic area of science to count towards high school graduation.

Please note that while the academic credit earned through CTE coursework is designed to meet the requirements for high school graduation, the academic credit may not necessarily be accepted for academic credit by a specific postsecondary institution.

If you have further questions about this credit, please contact your student's counselor or CTE teacher.

Sincerely,

Heather Steel

ECSD CTE Facilitator

Academic Credit for Career and Technical Education Coursework

Procedural Recommendations for Application Submissions to the Department of Education and State Board of Education



Nevada Department of Education
Office of Career Readiness, Adult Learning, and Education Options
755 N. Roop Street, Suite 201
Carson City, NV 89701
(775) 687-7300

July 2022

Checklist for Application Packet to be sent to the State Board of Education Requesting Academic Credit for CTE course(s):

- Submit the title of the career and technical education (CTE) course(s) and a statement of academic credit to be granted.
- Submit the letter of appointment/assignment of the committee members (at least one qualified classroom academic teacher and one qualified classroom CTE teacher).
- Submit written curriculum and alignment documents verifying the alignment of the CTE course standards with the academic standards to be taught in the CTE course(s).
- Copy of the minutes from the local Board of Trustees Meeting for State Board Approval OR a letter from school officials stating the application has been approved by the local Board of Education.
- Submit a copy of the student notification letter per NAC (Ref.389.72, Sec. 5).

Curriculum Alignment Document

Directions: The curriculum must demonstrate how the CTE coursework aligns to the Nevada Academic Content Standards.

- 1) Identify the proposed academic credit (English, Math, Science, or Health)
 - *Contact the CTE office if you have questions regarding English credit.
- 2) Provide the name of the academic course (e.g., Life Science; Physical Science)
- 3) Provide the name of the CTE course(s) (e.g., Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources and Animal Science; Biomedical I, Biomedical II, and Biomedical III)

Proposed Academic Credit (Check One) Math Science Health

Name of Academic Course: 3rd year Science

Name of CTE Course(s): Plant Systems

Total Number of Academic Credits: 1

Total Number of CTE Credits: 1

Classroom Academic Teacher Name: Tevyn Thomas

Classroom Academic Teacher Subject: Biological Sciences

Classroom CTE Teacher Name: Ryan Carpenter

Classroom CTE Teacher Subject: Agriculture Education

Science Standards Alignment Document

Insert the CTE Performance Indicator(s) in the right-side column which will meet the Science standard indicated in the left-side column. Below is an example from the Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources course.

Science: HS-Earth and Human Activity	CTE Performance Indicators (including text description)
HS-ESS3-1 Construct an explanation based on evidence for how the availability of natural resources, occurrence of natural hazards, and changes in climate have influenced human activity.	2.1.4 Discuss the role of modern agriculture in basic human needs by identifying products used to provide food, clothing, and shelter (e.g., world food security) (Chapter 1: The Science of Agriculture, World Food Security assignment)

Please enter appropriate/applicable alignments in the table below.

Nevada Academic Science Standards (DCI)	CTE Performance Indicators (including text description)
Science: HS-Matter and Its Interactions	
HS-PS1-1 Use the periodic table as a model to predict the relative properties of elements based on the patterns of electrons in the outermost energy level of atoms	0
HS-PS1-2 Construct and revise an explanation for the outcome of a simple chemical reaction based on the outermost electron states of atoms, trends in the periodic table, and knowledge of the patterns of chemical properties	
HS-PS1-3 Plan and conduct an investigation to gather evidence to compare the structure of substances at the bulk scale to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles.	0
HS-PS1-4 Develop a model to illustrate that the release or absorption of energy from a chemical reaction system depends upon the changes in total bond energy	 7.4.1 Differentiate between macronutrients and micronutrients iCEV-Fertilizer and Soil Amendments Transcript, Vocabulary, and Final Assessment) 7.4.2 Describe pH and how it is modified iCEV-Fertilizer and Soil Amendments Transcript, Vocabulary, and Final Assessment) 7.4.3 Describe the components of a fertilizer (e.g., nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium [NPK]) iCEV-Fertilizer and Soil Amendments Transcript, Vocabulary, and Final Assessment)
HS-PS1-5 Apply scientific principles and evidence to provide an explanation about the effects of changing the temperature or concentration of the reacting particles on the rate at which a reaction occurs.	0

Nevada Academic Science Standards (DCI)	CTE Performance Indicators (including text description)
HS-PS1-5 Apply scientific principles and evidence to provide an explanation about the effects of changing the temperature or concentration of the reacting particles on the rate at which a reaction occurs.	0
HS-PS1-6 Refine the design of a chemical system by specifying a change in conditions that would produce increased amounts of products at equilibrium.	0
HS-PS1-7 Use mathematical representations to support the claim that atoms, and therefore mass, are conserved during a chemical reaction.	0
HS-PS1-8 Develop models to illustrate the changes in the composition of the nucleus of the atom and the energy released during the processes of fission, fusion, and radioactive decay	0
Science: HS-Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions	
HS-PS2-1 Analyze data to support the claim that Newton's second law of motion describes the mathematical relationship among the net force on a macroscopic object, its mass, and its acceleration.	0
HS-PS2-2 Use mathematical representations to support the claim that the total momentum of a system of objects is conserved when there is no net force on the system.	0
HS-PS2-3 Apply scientific and engineering ideas to design, evaluate, and refine a device that minimizes the force on a macroscopic object during a collision	0
HS-PS2-3 Apply scientific and engineering ideas to design, evaluate, and refine a device that minimizes the force on a macroscopic object during a collision	0
HS-PS2-5 Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that an electric current can produce a magnetic field and that a changing magnetic field can produce an electric current	0
HS-PS2-6 Communicate scientific and technical information about why the molecular-level structure is important in the functioning of designed materials.	0
Science: HS-Energy	

Nevada Academic Science Standards (DCI)	CTE Performance Indicators (including text description)
HS-PS3-1 Create a computational model to calculate the change in the energy of one component in a system when the change in energy of the other component(s) and energy flows in and out of the system are known.	0
HS-PS3-2 Develop and use models to illustrate that energy at the macroscopic scale can be accounted for as a combination of energy associated with the motions of particles (objects) and energy associated with the relative position of particles (objects).	0
HS-PS3-3 Design, build, and refine a device that works within given constraints to convert one form of energy into another form of energy.	 6.4.2 Explore the major nutrients and their importance to animals iCEV: Advanced Livestock Nutrition (slides 55-103)
HS-PS3-4 Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that the transfer of thermal energy when two components of different temperature are combined within a closed system results in a more uniform energy distribution among the components in the system (second law of thermodynamics).	0
HS-PS3-5 Develop and use a model of two objects interacting through electric or magnetic fields to illustrate the forces between objects and the changes in energy of the objects due to the interaction.	0
Science: HS-Waves and Their Applications in Technologies on Information Transfer	
HS-PS4-1 Use mathematical representations to support a claim regarding relationships among the frequency, wavelength, and speed of waves traveling in various media.	0
HS-PS4-2 Evaluate questions about the advantages of using a digital transmission and storage of information.	0
HS-PS4-3 Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning behind the idea that electromagnetic radiation can be described either by a wave model or a particle model, and that for some situations one model is more useful than the other.	0
HS-PS4-4 Evaluate the validity and reliability of claims in published materials of the effects that different frequencies of electromagnetic radiation have when absorbed by matter.	0
HS-PS4-5 Communicate technical information about how some technological devices use the principles of wave behavior and wave interactions with matter to transmit and capture information and energy.	0

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Science: HS-From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes	
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.	 6.1.1 Explain a cell's role and compare and contrast the types of cells (prokaryotic and eukaryotic) iCEV-Anatomy of Plants 6.1.2 Analyze the components of an animal cell and explain their functions iCEV-Anatomy of Plants 6.1.3 Analyze the components of a plant cell and explain their functions iCEV-Anatomy of Plants 6.1.4 Differentiate between a plant and animal cell iCEV-Anatomy of Plants 13.1.1 Investigate the functions of roots in plants iCEV-Anatomy of Plants 13.1.4 Investigate specialized structures in roots (e.g., root tips) iCEV-Anatomy of Plants 13.2.1 List the functions of a stem iCEV-Anatomy of Plants 13.2.1 List the functions of a leaf, including photosynthetic energy conversion iCEV-Anatomy of Plants 13.3.3 List three functions of a leaf, including photosynthetic energy conversion iCEV-Anatomy of Plants 13.4.2 Summarize the purpose of a flower iCEV-Anatomy of Plants 13.4.2 Summarize the purpose of a flower iCEV-Anatomy of Plants 14.2.1 Compare the active and passive transport of minerals into the root system and throughout the plant system Passive and Active Transport 14.2.2 Compare the structure and function of xylem and phloem cells and tissues iCEV-Plant Genetics <!--</td-->
HS-LS1-2 Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms.	 6.4.1 Identify the major parts and describe the functions of the digestive systems in livestock Digestive System and Nutrition 7.1.1 Identify and describe the parts of a flower iCEV-Anatomy of Plants 7.1.2 Explain the purpose of a flower iCEV-Anatomy of Plants 7.1.3 Identify and describe the parts of a root iCEV-Anatomy of Plants 7.1.4 Explain the purpose of a root iCEV-Anatomy of Plants 7.1.5 Identify and describe the parts of a stem iCEV-Anatomy of Plants

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	Nomenclature of Plants Lesson ■ 13.3.5 Investigate specialized cell structures in a leaf o iCEV-Scientific Classification & Nomenclature of Plants Lesson
	13.4.2 Summarize the purpose of a flower

Nevada Academic Science Standards (DCI)	CTE Performance Indicators (including text description)
	o iCEV-Scientific Classification & Nomenclature of Plants Lesson 13.4.3 Distinguish between different types of flowers o iCEV-Scientific Classification & Nomenclature of Plants Lesson 13.4.5 Diagram the process of plant fertilization o iCEV- Plant Genetics 14.2.1 Compare the active and passive transport of minerals into the root system and throughout the plant system o Passive and Active Transport 14.2.2 Compare the structure and function of xylem and phloem cells and tissues o iCEV- Plant Genetics 15.1.5 Explore the structural differences between monocot and dicot plants o iCEV-Scientific Classification & Nomenclature of Plants Lesson 17.2.1 Correlate plant symptoms to the appropriate nutritional deficiency (e.g., nitrogen deficiency, yellowing leaves) o Essential Nutrients and Their Roles 17.2.2 Correlate plant symptoms to the appropriate plant toxicity (e.g., fertilizer burn, leaf tip burn) o Understanding Irrigation Water Quality 19.2.1 Summarize optimum conditions for asexual propagation o iCEV- Plant Genetics 19.2.2 Demonstrate or model techniques used to propagate plants by cutting o iCEV- Plant Genetics 19.2.3 Demonstrate or model techniques used to propagate plants by division o iCEV- Plant Genetics 19.2.4 Demonstrate or model techniques used to propagate plants by separation o iCEV- Plant Genetics 19.2.5 Demonstrate or model techniques used to propagate plants by separation o iCEV- Plant Genetics 19.2.5 Demonstrate or model techniques used to propagate plants by layering o iCEV- Plant Genetics 19.2.5 Demonstrate or model techniques used to propagate plants by layering o iCEV- Plant Genetics 20.2.1 Compare and contrast hard and soft pinches while using best management practices o Controlling Growth of Mums 20.2.2 Pinch plants using best management practices o Controlling Growth of Mums 20.3.1 Identify the proper stage of plant growth for transplanting o Transplanting Seedlings
HS-LS1-3 Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that feedback mechanisms maintain homeostasis.	 14.3.1 Examine the effects of light quality on plant growth (e.g., spectrum, foot candles) iCEV-<u>Fundamental Plant Processes</u>

	CTE Performance Indicators (including text description)
	■ 14.3.2 Examine the effects of water quality on plant growth (e.g., pH, hardness) ■ Understanding Irrigation Water Quality ■ 14.3.3 Examine the effects of temperature on plant growth ■ iCEV-Fundamental Plant Processes ■ 14.4.1 Compare the functions of plant hormones ■ iCEV-Fundamental Plant Processes ■ 14.4.2 Examine commercial uses for plant growth regulators ■ iCEV-Fundamental Plant Processes ■ 14.5.1 Investigate plant tropisms (e.g., gravi-, hydro-, photo-, thigmo-) ■ iCEV-Plant Nutrition Lesson (PPT and Lesson Plan) ■ 17.1.4 Develop a fertilizer management plan for a greenhouse crop ■ iCEV-Fertilizer and Soil Amendments ■ Transcript, Vocabulary, and Final Assessment) ■ 17.1.5 Discuss the importance of minerals to plant nutrition (e.g., cation exchange) ■ Soil Chemistry ■ 17.2.1 Correlate plant symptoms to the appropriate nutritional deficiency (e.g., nitrogen deficiency, yellowing leaves) ■ Essential Nutrients and Their Roles ■ 17.2.2 Correlate plant symptoms to the appropriate plant toxicity (e.g., fertilizer burn, leaf tip burn) ■ Understanding Irrigation Water Quality ■ 19.1.2 Identify the conditions needed for seed germination ■ iCEV-Fundamental Plant Processes ■ 19.1.3 Compare the methods of seed preparation ■ Seed Germination ■ 19.1.4 Demonstrate techniques for sowing seeds ■ Seed Planting 101 Lesson ■ 20.2.4 Develop a plant lighting schedule for a greenhouse crop ■ Light and Plants ■ 20.2.5 Develop a fertilizer schedule for a greenhouse crop ■ Light and Plants ■ 20.2.5 Develop a fertilizer schedule for a greenhouse crop ■ Light and Plants ■ 20.3.1 Identify the proper stage of plant growth for transplanting ■ Transcript, Vocabulary, and Final Assessment) ■ 20.3.2 Select appropriate plants for transplanting ■ Transplanting Seedlings ■ 20.4.1 Compare hardening processes ● Hardening Transplants
1	 20.4.2 Prepare plants for sale using best management practices

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HS-LS1-4 Use a model to illustrate the role of cellular division (mitosis) and differentiation in producing and maintaining complex organisms.	 22.1.4 Describe sex determination, linkage, crossover, and mutation iCEV- Plant Genetics
HS-LS1-5 Use a model to illustrate how photosynthesis transforms light energy into stored chemical energy.	 7.2.1 Describe the process of photosynthesis iCEV-<u>Fundamental Plant Processes</u> 14.1.1 Interpret the process of photosynthesis iCEV-<u>Fundamental Plant Processes</u>
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.	 14.1.2 Interpret the process of cellular respiration iCEV-<u>Fundamental Plant Processes</u> 14.1.3 Compare the process of cellular respiration to photosynthesis iCEV-<u>Fundamental Plant Processes</u>
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.	 7.2.2 Describe the process of cellular respiration iCEV-Fundamental Plant Processes 7.2.3 Explain the relationship between photosynthesis and respiration iCEV-Fundamental Plant Processes 7.2.4 Summarize why photosynthesis and respiration are important to human beings iCEV-Fundamental Plant Processes 14.1.2 Interpret the process of cellular respiration iCEV-Fundamental Plant Processes
Science: HS-Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics	
HS-LS2-1 Use mathematical and/or computational representations to support explanations of factors that affect carrying capacity of ecosystems at different scales.	13.4.4 Describe the difference between monocot and dicot flowers O iCEV-Scientific Classification & Nomenclature of Plants Lesson
HS-LS2-2 Use mathematical representations to support and revise explanations based on evidence about factors affecting biodiversity and populations in ecosystems of different scales.	 13.4.4 Describe the difference between monocot and dicot flowers iCEV-Scientific Classification & Nomenclature of Plants Lesson 15.1.1 Correctly categorize common plants by life cycle (e.g., annuals, perennials, etc.) Classifying and Naming Plants 15.1.2 Correctly categorize plants by growth habits (e.g., mounding, trailing, etc.) Plant Classification Lesson Plan
HS-LS2-3 Construct and revise an explanation based on evidence for the cycling of matter and flow of energy in aerobic and anaerobic conditions.	0
HS-LS2-4 Use mathematical representations to support claims for the cycling of matter and flow of energy among organisms in an ecosystem.	 11.4.4 Diagram and explain the nitrogen, phosphorus, carbon, and water cycle Understanding Groundwater Systems 14.1.3 Compare the process of cellular respiration to photosynthesis

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Nevada Academic Science Standards (DCI)	CTE Performance Indicators (including text description)
	o iCEV- <u>Fundamental Plant Processes</u>
HS-LS2-5 Develop a model to illustrate the role of photosynthesis and cellular respiration in the cycling of carbon among the biosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, and geosphere.	 11.4.4 Diagram and explain the nitrogen, phosphorus, carbon, and water cycle Understanding Groundwater Systems 14.1.3 Compare the process of cellular respiration to photosynthesis iCEV-Fundamental Plant Processes
HS-LS2-6 Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning that the complex interactions in ecosystems maintain relatively consistent numbers and types of organisms in stable conditions, but changing conditions may result in a new ecosystem.	 11.4.3 Identify biomes and explain ecosystem diversity Biodiversity 18.1.2 Summarize the benefits of IPM Using IPM for Greenhouse Production 18.2.3 Differentiate between infectious and noninfectious diseases Plant Diseases 18.2.4 Design an ongoing plan for pest management and prevention Using IPM for Greenhouse Production
HS-LS2-7 Design, evaluate, and refine a solution for reducing the impacts of human activities on the environment and biodiversity.	 11.2.1 Recognize how humans use natural resources Natural Resources 11.2.2 Identify the urban and rural impacts of natural resource use Natural Resources 11.2.3 Analyze the impact of recycling and reusing resources Natural Resources 11.4.3 Identify biomes and explain ecosystem diversity Biodiversity 18.3.4 Evaluate environmental and consumer concerns regarding pest management and biodiversity Pesticides: Environmental Impacts and Management Strategies
HS-LS2-8 Evaluate the evidence for the role of group behavior on individual and species' chances to survive and reproduce.	 11.4.2 Explain natural selection and succession Natural Selection
Science: HS-Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits	
HS-LS3-1 Ask questions to clarify relationships about the role of DNA and chromosomes in coding the instructions for characteristic traits passed from parents to offspring.	 11.4.2 Explain natural selection and succession Natural Selection 22.1.1 Describe the selective plant breeding process Propagation of Plants 22.3.1 Define micropropagation and its importance Tissue Culture Lesson Plan 22.3.2 Explain applications of micropropagation Tissue Culture Lesson Plan 22.3.3 Describe procedures used in micropropagation Tissue Culture Lesson Plan

Nevada Academic Science Standards (DCI)	CTE Performance Indicators (including text description)
HS-LS3-2 Make and defend a claim based on evidence that inheritable genetic variations may result from: (1) new genetic combinations through meiosis, (2) viable errors occurring during replication, and/or (3) mutations caused by environmental factors.	 11.4.2 Explain natural selection and succession Natural Selection 22.1.1 Describe the selective plant breeding process Propagation of Plants
HS-LS3-3 Apply concepts of statistics and probability to explain the variation and distribution of expressed traits in a population	 22.1.2 Explain how to estimate the heritability of certain traits iCEV- Plant Genetics 22.1.3 Predict the genotypes and phenotypes from monohybrid and dihybrid crosses using a Punnett Square iCEV- Plant Genetics 22.1.4 Describe sex determination, linkage, crossover, and mutation iCEV- Plant Genetics 22.2.1 Explain the advantages and disadvantages for genetic manipulation of plants iCEV- Plant Genetics 22.2.2 Investigate transgenic plants on the market (e.g., hybrids, genetically modified organisms) Using Biotechnology to Improve Plant Production and Quality
Science: HS-Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity	
HS-LS4-1 Communicate scientific information that common ancestry and biological evolution are supported by multiple lines of empirical evidence.	0
HS-LS4-2 Construct an explanation based on evidence that the process of evolution primarily results from four factors: (1) the potential for a species to increase in number, (2) the heritable genetic variation of individuals in a species due to mutation and sexual reproduction, (3) competition for limited resources, and (4) the proliferation of those organisms that are better able to survive and reproduce in the environment.	,
HS-LS4-3 Apply concepts of statistics and probability to support explanations that organisms with an advantageous heritable trait tend to increase in proportion to organisms lacking this trait.	0
HS-LS4-4 Construct an explanation based on evidence for how natural selection leads to adaptation of populations.	11.4.2 Explain natural selection and succession Natural Selection
HS-LS4-5 Evaluate the evidence supporting claims that changes in environmental conditions may result in: (1) increases in the number of individuals of some species, (2) the emergence of new species over time, and (3) the extinction of other species.	 18.3.4 Evaluate environmental and consumer concerns regarding pest management and biodiversity O Pesticides: Environmental Impacts and Management Strategies
HS-LS4-6 Create or revise a simulation to test a solution to mitigate adverse impacts of human activity on biodiversity	 22.3.1 Define micropropagation and its importance Tissue Culture Lesson Plan 22.3.2 Explain applications of micropropagation

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	 Tissue Culture Lesson Plan 22.3.3 Describe procedures used in micropropagation Tissue Culture Lesson Plan 22.4.1 Define hydroponics and its importance to society Hydroponics Lesson Plan 22.4.2 Explain applications of hydroponics and determine costs and benefits Hydroponics Lesson Plan 22.4.3 Describe procedures used in hydroponic plant production Hydroponics Lesson Plan 22.4.4 Design and implement a hydroponic system Hydroponics Lesson Plan 22.4.5 Analyze the efficiency of implemented hydroponic system designs Hydroponics Lesson Plan
Science: HS-Earth's Place in the Universe	
HS-ESS1-1 Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the life span of the sun and the role of nuclear fusion in the sun's core to release energy that eventually reaches Earth in the form of radiation.	0
HS-ESS1-2 Construct an explanation of the Big Bang theory based on astronomical evidence of light spectra, motion of distant galaxies, and composition of matter in the universe.	0
HS-ESS1-3 Communicate scientific ideas about the way stars, over their life cycle, produce elements.	0
HS-ESS1-4 Use mathematical or computational representations to predict the motion of orbiting objects in the solar system.	0
HS-ESS1-5 Evaluate evidence of the past and current movements of continental and oceanic crust and the theory of plate tectonics to explain the ages of crustal rocks.	0
HS-ESS1-6 Apply scientific reasoning and evidence from ancient Earth materials, meteorites, and other planetary surfaces to construct an account of Earth's formation and early history.	0
Science: HS-Earth's Systems	
HS-ESS2-1 Develop a model to illustrate how Earth's internal and surface processes operate at different spatial and temporal scales to form continental and ocean-floor features.	0

Nevada Academic Science Standards (DCI)	CTE Performance Indicators (including text description)
HS-ESS2-2 Analyze geoscience data to make the claim that one change to Earth's surface can create feedbacks that cause changes to other Earth systems.	 8.1.4 Identify various soil structures, their formation, and importance in agriculture production Soil Texture and Structure 11.5.3 Identify Nevada's ecoregions (Sierra Nevada, Northern Basin and Range, Central Basin and Range, and Mojave Basin and Range) Biodiversity
HS-ESS2-3 Develop a model based on evidence of Earth's interior to describe the cycling of matter by thermal convection.	0
HS-ESS2-4 Use a model to describe how variations in the flow of energy into and out of Earth's systems result in changes in climate.	0
HS-ESS2-5 Plan and conduct an investigation of the properties of water and its effects on Earth materials and surface processes.	 11.4.4 Diagram and explain the nitrogen, phosphorus, carbon, and water cycle Understanding Groundwater Systems
HS-ESS2-6 Develop a quantitative model to describe the cycling of carbon among the hydrosphere, atmosphere, geosphere, and biosphere.	 11.4.4 Diagram and explain the nitrogen, phosphorus, carbon, and water cycle Understanding Groundwater Systems
HS-ESS2-7 Construct an argument based on evidence about the simultaneous coevolution of Earth's systems and life on Earth.	 16.1.2 Describe the concept of soil texture and its importance Soil Texture and Structure 16.1.3 Classify the texture of a soil sample (e.g., texture triangle) Soil Texture and Structure 16.1.4 Identify various soil structures, their formation, and importance in agriculture production Soil Texture and Structure
Science: HS-Earth and Human Activity	
HS-ESS3-1 Construct an explanation based on evidence for how the availability of natural resources, occurrence of natural hazards, and changes in climate have influenced human activity.	 2.1.1 Assess how agriculture supports daily life A Day In The Life Lesson Plan 2.1.2 Describe the importance and value of global agricultural trade Ag Issues In WTO Trade Negotiations 2.1.4 Discuss the role of modern agriculture in basic human needs by identifying products used to provide food, clothing, and shelter (e.g., world food security) World Hunger, A Growing Concern 2.2.1 Compare agriculture's role in developing civilizations Trends in Agriculture 11.2.2 Identify the urban and rural impacts of natural resource use Natural Resources

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HS-ESS3-2 Evaluate competing design solutions for developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources based on cost-benefit ratios.	 11.1.2 Distinguish between renewable and nonrenewable resources Natural Resources 11.1.3 Compare the difference between inexhaustible and exhaustible resources Natural Resources 11.2.3 Analyze the impact of recycling and reusing resources Natural Resources 16.2.4 Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of soilless media Managing Greenhouse Micronutrients 16.3.4 Interpret electrical conductivity test results of a growing media sample Understanding Properties of Growing Media 16.3.5 Interpret soil test results and make recommendation(s) Interpreting Your Soil Test Reports 17.1.4 Develop a fertilizer management plan for a greenhouse crop Fertilizer Formulations
HS-ESS3-3 Create a computational simulation to illustrate the relationships among management of natural resources, the sustainability of human populations, and biodiversity.	11.2.1 Recognize how humans use natural resources Natural Resources
HS-ESS3-4 Evaluate or refine a technological solution that reduces impacts of human activities on natural systems.	 11.2.3 Analyze the impact of recycling and reusing resources Natural Resources 11.3.1 Compare and contrast conservation and preservation Natural Resource Conservation 16.2.2 Describe the functions of growing media Managing Greenhouse Micronutrients 16.2.3 Determine desirable properties of growing media (e.g., drainage, organic matter, microorganisms, water holding capacity and permeability) Understanding Properties of Growing Media
HS-ESS3-5 Analyze geoscience data and the results from global climate models to make an evidence-based forecast of the current rate of global or regional climate change and associated future impacts to Earth systems.	 16.3.1 Test and determine pH level of various growing media Understanding Properties of Growing Media 16.3.2 Interpret pH test results of a growing media sample Understanding Properties of Growing Media 16.3.3 Test and determine the electrical conductivity of various growing media Understanding Properties of Growing Media Understanding Properties of Growing Media

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HS-ESS3-6 Use a computational representation to illustrate the relationships among Earth systems and how those relationships are being modified due to human activity.	 17.1.1 Identify the components of a fertilizer and their role in the biochemical cycle Fertilizer Formulations 17.1.4 Develop a fertilizer management plan for a greenhouse crop Fertilizer Formulations 17.1.5 Discuss the importance of minerals to plant nutrition (e.g., cation exchange) Soil Chemistry 17.2.1 Correlate plant symptoms to the appropriate nutritional deficiency (e.g., nitrogen deficiency, yellowing leaves) Essential Nutrients and Their Roles 17.2.2 Correlate plant symptoms to the appropriate plant toxicity (e.g., fertilizer burn, leaf tip burn) Understanding Irrigation Water Quality
Science: HS-Engineering Design	
HS-ETS1-1 Analyze a major global challenge to specify qualitative and quantitative criteria and constraints for solutions that account for societal needs and wants.	 2.1.3 Describe the various components of the agriculture industry (e.g., value chain) National FFA Organization World Hunger: A Growing Concern Lesson 1 2.3.1 Analyze the impact of agriculture on the local, state, national, and world economies Government Agencies Lesson 2.3.2 Explain the role of government in the world's food supply Government Agencies Lesson 16.2.4 Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of soilless media Managing Greenhouse Micronutrients
HS-ETS1-2 Design a solution to a complex real-world problem by breaking it down into smaller, more manageable problems that can be solved through engineering.	 2.1.5 Discuss the role of diverse cultures in developing American agriculture practices Trends in Agriculture 2.2.2 Organize the major technological developments that have occurred in agriculture National FFA Organization 2.2.3 Interpret historical events and trends that have led to the development of today's agriculture industry National FFA Organization 16.2.4 Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of soilless media Managing Greenhouse Micronutrients

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HS-ETS1-3 Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem based on prioritized criteria and trade-offs that account for a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, as well as possible social, cultural, and environmental impacts.	0
HS-ETS1-4 Use a computer simulation to model the impact of proposed solutions to a complex real-world problem with numerous criteria and constraints on interactions within and between systems relevant to the problem.	0
Total number of unique Science Standards addressed:	36
Total number of unique CTE Standards aligned:	126

Student Notification / Sample Letter for District Use

Dear Parent/Guardian of:

Your son/daughter is enrolled in the career and technical education (CTE) program of study that qualifies for academic credit. By successfully completing the CTE coursework, he/she may earn up to credit in the academic area of .

Please note that while the academic credit earned through CTE coursework is designed to meet the requirements for high school graduation, the academic credit may not necessarily be accepted for academic credit by a specific postsecondary institution.

Sincerely,

Signature

Printed Name