2025-2026 School Year

6-8 GRADE SCIENCE

Teachers' primary resource for 6-8 science is the SMP Instructional Calendar for each grade level. This document details a day-to-date instructional setup for teachers to follow using the assigned resources. Instructional Calendars were designed to intentionally address the Louisiana Student Standards for Science.

The Instructional Calendar for each grade level is available in Teams and, later, in Canvas.

PRIMARY CURRICULUM

Teachers will be using OpenSciEd from Activate Learning as the primary curriculum.
Teachers should utilize the student workbooks, teacher manuals, material kits, and digital resources in their teaching.
Digital materials are accessed through Clever for both teachers and students.
Modifications were made to the curriculum; therefore, it is important that teachers follow the SMP Instructional Calendar.

KESLER SCIENCE

In addition to OpenSciEd, the district has purchased teacher licenses for each teacher to utilize Kesler Science Pro as part of their instruction.
Each teacher received an email with their log in information and PD was provided to teachers on July 29 and August 4.
This program is to be used in the manner specified in the SMP Instructional Calendar.

GENERATION GENIUS

Generation Genius was another district purchase to supplement the teaching of the Louisiana Student Standards for Science in SMP.
There is one generic log in for each school and one site manager for each school. Teachers in both math and science can access the program.
Teachers can create a link to lessons and videos for students to access without creating an account.
This program is to be used in the manner specified in the SMP Instructional Calendar.

COMMON ASSESSMENTS

District Common Assessments will be given at the end of each Unit of Instruction. The dates and deadlines for each of these assessments is printed in the Instructional Calendar for each grade level.
Teachers must grade each assessment in Pear Assessment and must complete the Data Analysis form by the dates provided in their Instructional Calendar.
The SMP Diagnostic Assessments for each grade level will be given in the beginning of the year and at the end of the year only.

Other Resources

The SMP Instructional Calendar may utilize other resources such as Nearpod and Flocabulary, which can be accessed through Clever.

Support

Teachers and administrators in need of support for middle school science should contact:
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