CHEMICALS, THE ENVIRONMENT, AND YOU

| Nebraska Science Standards– Grade 8 | | | |
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| Lesson | Standard | Example Indicator | |
| 2, 4 | 8.1.1.a | Recognize and describe key parts and functions of any system. | |
| 2, 3 | 8.1.1.b | Analyze and predict the interactions within a system and between systems. | |
| 2, 3, 4 | 8.1.2.a | Collect, manipulate, and analyze data from an experiment. | |
| 2, 3, 4, 6 | 8.1.2.b | Observe and develop models (e.g., physical, mathematical, mental, and computer simulations). | |
| 2, 3, 4 | 8.1.2.c | Interpret and explain results of experimentation. | |
| 2, 3, 4 | 8.1.2.d | Analyze whether or not investigative procedures and conclusions are reasonable. | |
| 2, 3, 4 | 8.1.3.a | Select and use appropriate measurement units. | |
| 2, 4 | 8.1.3.c | Apply English and metric systems of measurement. | |
| 2, 3, 4, 6 | 8.2.1.a | Identify questions and identify concepts that guide scientific investigations. | |
| 2, 3, 4 | 8.2.1.b | Design and conduct a scientific investigation. | |
| 2, 3, 4, 6 | 8.2.1.c | Use appropriate tools and techniques to gather, analyze, and interpret data. | |
| All lessons | 8.2.1.d | Given evidence, develop descriptions, explanations, predictions, and models. | |
| All lessons | 8.2.1.e | Show the relationship between evidence and explanations. | |
| All lessons | 8.2.1.f | Recognize and analyze alternative explanations and predictions. | |
| 2, 3, 4, 6 | 8.2.1.g | Communicate scientific procedures and explanations. | |
| 2, 3, 4 | 8.2.1.h | Use mathematics in scientific inquiry. | |
| 1 | 8.3.1.c | Explain that all matter is composed of elements, which may combine in a variety of ways to form compounds. | |
| 4 | 8.4.1.a | Investigate and describe the levels of organizations: cells, tissues, organs, organ systems, whole organisms, and ecosystems. | |
| 3 | 8.4.1.c | Investigate and explain how cells sustain life through functions (e.g., growth and nutrition). | |
| 5 | 8.4.3.b | Investigate and explain how behavior is a response to internal and external stimuli determined by heredity and experience. | |

| 1, 2, 3, 5 | 8.4.5.c | Investigate and explain how environmental changes created by nature and by humans may cause species extinction. | | |
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| 2, 5 | 8.2.a | Distinguish between scientific inquiry (asking questions about the natural world) and technological design (using science to solve practical problems). | | |
| 5 | 8.6.2.d | Recognize that solutions have intended and unintended consequences. | | |
| 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 | 8.7.1.a | Identify and research substances harmful to human beings in the natural environment (e.g., radon, lead, and nitrates). | | |
| 4, 5, 6 | 8.7.1.b | Investigate and explain how personal choices can directly affect a person's health (e.g., exercise, nutrition, and use of drugs). | | |
| 4, 5, 6 | 8.7.4.a | Analyze a type of hazard (e.g., natural, chemical, or biological) to evaluate the options for reducing or eliminating human risk. | | |
| 5, 6 | 8.7.4.b | Describe how perceptions of risks and benefits influence personal and social decisions (e.g., seat belt usage and waste disposal procedures). | | |
| 1, 5 | 8.7.5.a | Explain that the effect of science on society is neither entirely beneficial nor entirely detrimental. | | |
| 2, 3, 4, 6 | 8.8.1.b | Investigate and understand that science requires different abilities based on the type of inquiry and relies upon basic human qualities and scientific habits of mind. | | |
| 2, 4 | 8.8.1.c | Explain the need for ethical codes followed by scientists (e.g., humane treatment of animals and truth in reporting). | | |
| 2, 3, 4, 6 | 8.8.2.a | Formulate and test a hypothesis using observations, experiments, and models. | | |
| 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 | 8.8.2.b | Use questioning, response to criticism, and open communication when defending a conclusion. | | |
| 2, 3, 4, 6 | 8.8.2.c | Evaluate the results of scientific investigations, experiments, observations, theoretical models, and the explanations proposed by other scientists. | | |
| 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 | 8.8.2.d | Understand that scientific theories are based on observations, governed by rules of reasoning, and used to predict events. | | |
| Nebraska Mathematics Standards – Grades 5 – 8 | | | | |
| Lesson | Standard | Description | | |
| 2 | 8.1.2.a | Find the equivalencies among fractions, decimals, and percents. | | |
| 2 | 8.1.2.b | Solve problems with appropriate equivalencies. | | |

| 2, 4 | 8.2.1 | Add, subtract, multiply, and divide decimals and proper, improper, and mixed fractions with common and uncommon denominators with and without the use of technology. | |
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| 2, 4 | 8.2.2 | Identify the appropriate operation and do the correct calculations when solving word problems. | |
| 2, 4 | 8.2.3 | Solve problems involving whole numbers, integers, and rational numbers (fractions, decimals, ratios, proportions, and percents) with and without the use of technology. | |
| 2, 4 | 8.3.1 | Select measurement tools and measure quantities for temperature, time, money, distance, angles, area, perimeter, volume, capacity, and weight/mass in standard and metric units at the designated level of precision. | |
| 2, 3, 4 | 8.5.1.a | Select appropriate representations of data when construction data displays (graphs, tables, or charts). | |
| 2, 3, 4 | 8.5.2 | Read and interpret tables, charts, and graphs to make comparisons and predictions. | |
| Nebraska Reading / Writing Standards – Grade 8 | | | |
| Lesson | Standard | Example Indicator | |
| 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 | 8.1.1.a | Monitor understanding during reading. | |
| 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 | 8.1.1.b | Interpret information from diagrams, charts, and graphs. | |
| All lessons | 8.1.1.c | Answer literal, inferential/interpretive, and critical questions. | |
| 1, 4, 5, 6 | 8.1.2.b | Use electronic resources (CD-ROM, software, online resources). | |
| 1, 2, 5, 6, 5 | 8.1.5.c | Generate how, why, and what-if questions in interpreting nonfiction text. | |
| 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 | 8.1.5.d | Follow written directions in technical reading. | |
| All lessons | 8.2.1 | Write using standard English (conventions) for sentence structure, usage, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling. | |
| All lessons | 8.2.4.a | Develop narrative, persuasive, descriptive, technical, and/or expository writing for a designated audience and purpose. | |
| All lessons | 8.2.4.b | Write to describe, explain, and inform. | |
| All lessons | 8.3.1.a | Contribute knowledge and ask questions relevant to the topic discussed. | |
| All lessons | 8.3.1.b | Use subject-related vocabulary in discussions. | |
| All lessons | 8.3.1.d | Use discussion skills to assume leadership and participant roles. | |

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| All lessons | 8.4.1.a | Listen to take notes and process information. | |
| All lessons | 8.4.1.b | Follow multi-step oral directions. | |
| All lessons | 8.4.1.c | Use listening skills in practical settings. | |
| National Health Education Standards – Grades 6 – 8: cited from pre-publication document of National Health Education Standards, Pre K-12, American Cancer Society, December 2005 – August 2006 | | | |
| Lesson | Standard | Performance Indicator | |
| 4, 5, 6 | 1.8.1 | Analyze the relationship between healthy behaviors and personal health. | |
| 3, 5, 6 | 1.8.3 | Analyze how the environment impacts personal health. | |
| 4 | 1.8.5 | Describe ways to reduce or prevent injuries and other adolescent health problems. | |
| 5 | 1.8.7 | Describe the benefits and barriers to practicing healthy behaviors. | |
| 4, 5 | 1.8.8 | Examine the likelihood of injury or illness if engaging in unhealthy behaviors. | |
| 3, 4, 5 | 1.8.9 | Examine the potential seriousness of injury or illness if engaging in unhealthy behaviors. | |
| 5 | 2.8.5 | Analyze how messages from the media influence personal and family health. | |
| 5 | 2.8.8 | Explain the influence of personal values and beliefs on individual health practices and behaviors. | |
| 4, 5, 6 | 2.8.9 | Describe how some health risk behaviors can influence the likelihood of engaging in unhealthy behaviors. | |
| 5, 6 | 2.8.10 | Explain how school and public health policies can influence health promotion and disease prevention. | |
| 4, 5, 6 | 3.8.1 | Analyze the validity of health information, products, and services. | |
| 5, 6 | 3.8.4 | Describe situations that may require professional health services. | |
| 4, 5, 6 | 4.8.1 | Apply effective verbal and nonverbal communication skills to enhance health. | |
| 4, 5, 6 | 5.8.1 | Identify circumstances that can help or hinder healthy decision-making. | |
| 4, 5, 6 | 5.8.2 | Determine when health-related situations require the application of a thoughtful decision-making process. | |
| 6 | 5.8.3 | Distinguish when individual or collaborative decision-making is appropriate. | |
| 4, 5 | 5.8.6 | Choose healthy alternatives over unhealthy alternatives when making a decision. | |
| 4, 5 | 5.8.7 | Analyze the outcomes of a health-related decision. | |
| 5 | 6.8.1 | Assess personal health practices. | |
| 5 | 7.8.3 | Demonstrate behaviors to avoid or reduce health risks to self and others. | |

09/2006 Source for NE Standards: http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ndestandards/AcademicStandards.htm
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National Health standards: http://www.aahperd.org/aahe/pdf_files/standards.pdf#search=%22national%20health%20standards%22

| 4, 5, 6 | 8.8.1 | State a health enhancing position on a topic and support it with accurate information. |
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| 5, 6 | 8.8.2 | Demonstrate how to influence and support others to make positive health choices. |
| 4, 5, 6 | 8.8.4 | Identify ways that health messages and communication techniques can be altered for different audiences. |