



TORONTO WORLD SCHOOL

## Course Outline

**Department:** Science

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**Course Title:** Science

**Grade:** 10

**Course Code:** SNC2D

**Course Type:** Academic

**Credit Value:** 1 credit

**Credit Hours:** 110 hours

**Course Reviser/revision date:** Ramandeep Thind, February 2025

**Prerequisite:** Grade 9 Science, (De-streamed), SNC1W

**Curriculum Policy:** The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 9 and 10, Science, 2008 (Revised)

## **Course Description**

This course enables students to enhance their understanding of concepts in biology, chemistry, earth and space science, and physics, and of the interrelationships between science, technology, society, and the environment. Students are also given opportunities to further develop their scientific investigation skills. Students will plan and conduct investigations and develop their understanding of scientific theories related to the connections between cells and systems in animals and plants; chemical reactions, with a particular focus on acid–base reactions; forces that affect climate and climate change; and the interaction of light and matter.

## **Overall Expectations**

### **Scientific investigation skills and career exploration**

- a1. demonstrate scientific investigation skills (related to both inquiry and research) in the four areas of skills (initiating and planning, performing and recording, analysing and interpreting, and communicating);
- a2. identify and describe careers related to the fields of science under study, and describe the contributions of scientists, including Canadians, to those fields.

### **Biology: tissues, organs, and systems of living things**

- b1. evaluate the importance of medical and other technological developments related to systems biology, and analyse their societal and ethical implications;
- b2. investigate cell division, cell specialization, organs, and systems in animals and plants, using research and inquiry skills, including various laboratory techniques;
- b3. demonstrate an understanding of the hierarchical organization of cells, from tissues, to organs, to systems in animals and plants.

### **Chemistry: chemical reactions**

- c1. analyse a variety of safety and environmental issues associated with chemical reactions, including the ways in which chemical reactions can be applied to address environmental challenges;
- c2. investigate, through inquiry, the characteristics of chemical reactions;
- c3. demonstrate an understanding of the general principles of chemical reactions, and various ways to represent them.

### **Earth and space science: climate change**

- d1. analyse some of the effects of climate change around the world, and assess the effectiveness of initiatives that attempt to address the issue of climate change;
- d2. investigate various natural and human factors that influence Earth's climate and climate change;
- d3. demonstrate an understanding of natural and human factors, including the greenhouse effect, that influence Earth's climate and contribute to climate change.

### **Physics: light and geometric optics**

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### **Course Content**

<b>UNIT</b>	<b>UNIT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
<b>U1:</b> <b>Scientific Skills &amp; Careers</b>	Throughout this unit, students will be able to demonstrate scientific investigation skills (related to both inquiry and research) in the four areas of skills (initiating and planning, performing and recording, analyzing and interpreting, and communicating) and identify and describe a variety of careers related to the fields of science under study, and identify scientists, including Canadians, who have made contributions to those fields.	7 (2) Lessons
<b>U2:</b> <b>Biology</b>	In this unit, students will demonstrate an understanding of the hierarchical organization of cells, from tissues, to organs, to systems in animals and plants and investigate cell division, cell specialization, organs, and systems in animals and plants, using research and inquiry skills. In addition, students will evaluate the importance of medical and other technological developments related to systems biology, and analyse their societal and ethical implications.	29 (10) Lessons

<b>U3: Chemical Reactions</b>	This unit introduces students to the foundational principles of chemical reactions, focusing on their representation, observation, and application. Through inquiry-based investigations, students will explore the characteristics of various chemical reactions, analyzing their reactants and products. The unit also emphasizes the importance of understanding the safety and environmental implications of chemical processes, such as the use of cyanide in gold mining. Students will evaluate how chemical reactions can be utilized to address environmental challenges, fostering critical thinking about sustainability and ethical decision-making in science.	24  (8) Lessons
<b>U4: Climate Change</b>	In this unit, students will explore the natural and human factors that influence Earth's climate, including the role of the greenhouse effect. They will investigate how both natural processes and human activities contribute to climate change and analyze its global impacts. Additionally, students will evaluate the effectiveness of various strategies and initiatives at individual, regional, national, and international levels aimed at mitigating climate change.	21  (5) Lessons
<b>U5: Physics: Light and Geometric Optics</b>	In this unit, students will explore the fundamental properties and behaviors of light, including reflection and refraction. They will investigate how light interacts with different surfaces and mediums, particularly in plane and curved mirrors as well as converging lenses. Through inquiry-based learning, students will analyze the principles governing these phenomena and predict light's behavior in various contexts. Additionally, they will evaluate the effectiveness of optical technologies and assess their impact on society, considering both their benefits and limitations.	26  (7) Lessons
<b>Final Culminating Evaluation</b>	Final Exam	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		110

### Teaching/Learning Strategies

The strategies used are varied to meet the needs and range of learning styles encountered, and include the following:

<b>Strategies marked with "x" are used in the course.</b>			
Direct Instruction	X	Teacher modeling	X
Class Activity	X	Use of Computers/Internet	X
Worksheets/Surveys	X	Journaling	X
Individual or Group Research	X	Reflecting on Strategies	X
Conferencing Teacher & Student	X	Personal Response	X

Interactive Labs & Simulations	X	Brainstorming	X
Silent individual reading	X	Editing/Revision	X
Class Activity	X		
Independent Work	X		
Use of Video and Audio materials	X		

### **Assessment & Evaluation Strategies**

Assessment is the process of gathering information that accurately reflects how well a student is achieving the curriculum expectations in a subject or course. The primary purpose of assessment is to improve student learning.

#### **Assessment as Learning (AaL)**

Assessment as Learning (AAL) acts as a stepping-stone for students to begin applying their understanding using critical thinking; it bridges the gap between AFL and AOL.

#### **Assessment for Learning (AfL)**

Assessment for Learning (AFL) provides information to students as they are learning and refining their skills.

#### **Assessment of Learning (AoL)**

Evaluation that is summative in nature that contributes toward a student's final course grade is considered assessment of learning. Evaluation is based on the four Ministry of Education achievement categories of knowledge and understanding, thinking and inquiry, communication, and application. A single evaluation may include one or more of the above categories.

Assessments and evaluations will be continuous throughout the course and will include a variety of evaluation methods. The tools check marked will be used for the three different types of assessments:

Assessment as Learning	Assessment for Learning	Assessment of Learning
Student Product <input type="checkbox"/> Journals/Letters/Emails (checklist) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Learning Logs <input type="checkbox"/> Entrance tickets <input type="checkbox"/> Exit tickets	Student Product <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment <input type="checkbox"/> Journals/Letters/Emails (checklist) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quizzes (scale/rubric) <input type="checkbox"/> Portfolios (rubric) <input type="checkbox"/> Posters (rubric/scale) <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic organizers (scale) <input type="checkbox"/> Peer feedback (anecdotal/checklist) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reports (rubric) <input type="checkbox"/> Essays (rubric) <input type="checkbox"/> Webbing/Mapping	Student Product <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Experiments (reports) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tests (scale/rubric) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exam <input type="checkbox"/> Rough drafts (rubric) <input type="checkbox"/> Portfolio (rubric) <input type="checkbox"/> Posters (rubric/scale) <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic organizers (scale) <input type="checkbox"/> Reports (rubric) <input type="checkbox"/> Essays (rubric)

	(rubric/scale) <input type="checkbox"/> Entrance ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Vocabulary notebooks	<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Thinking Networks (rubric)
Observation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whole class discussions (anecdotal) <input type="checkbox"/> Self-proofreading (checklist)	Observation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Class discussions (anecdotal) <input type="checkbox"/> Debate (rubric) <input type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint presentations (rubric) <input type="checkbox"/> Performance tasks (anecdotal/scale)	Observation <input type="checkbox"/> Debate (rubric) <input type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint presentations (rubric) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Performance tasks (experiments)
Conversation <input type="checkbox"/> Student teacher conferences (checklist) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Group Discussions (checklist) <input type="checkbox"/> Pair work (checklist) <input type="checkbox"/> Debate (rubric)	Conversation <input type="checkbox"/> Student teacher conferences (checklist) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small group discussions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pair work (anecdotal) <input type="checkbox"/> Peer-feedback (anecdotal) <input type="checkbox"/> Peer-editing (anecdotal) <input type="checkbox"/> Oral tests (scale/rubric) <input type="checkbox"/> Oral quizzes (scale/rubric)	Conversation <input type="checkbox"/> Student teacher conferences <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Question and Answer Session <input type="checkbox"/> Oral tests (scale/rubric)

Online Activities (within LMS)	Offline Activities
Watching video lectures Watching additional resource videos Completing interactive activities Communicating with teachers Participating in virtual conferences Completing online quizzes Reviewing peer submissions Submitting all AAL, AFL, & AOL Assessment and Evaluations	Reading materials for the course Reviewing materials for the course Completing assignments Completing practice activities Preparing presentations Reviewing for exams and unit tests Researching topics on the internet Recording and producing presentations Practicing processes and skills Completing proctored unit tests and exams

### THE FINAL GRADE:

The percentage grade represents the quality of the students' overall achievement of the expectations for the course and reflects the corresponding achievement as described in the achievement chart for

Science. Term work will be 70% of the overall grade for the course; the final evaluations will be 30% of the overall grade, incorporating oral evaluation and a final written examination.

<b>Assessment and Percentage of Final Mark</b>	
<b>(Term) 70%</b>	Unit 1: Assignment (4%) [SP]
	Unit 2: Test (8%) [SP] Unit 2: Student/Teacher Conference (6%) [CONV] Unit 2: Assignment[LAB] (5%) [SP]
	Unit 3: Presentation (7%) [OBS] Unit 3: Assignment [LAB] (7%) [SP] Unit 3: Test (8%) [SP]
	Unit 4: Presentation (5%) [OBS] Unit 4: Assignment [Lab] (6%) [SP]
	Unit 5: Student/Teacher Conference (5%) [CONV] Unit 5: Assignment [Lab] (9%) [SP]
	<b>30%</b> Final Evaluation - Student/Teacher Conference(15%) [CONV] Final Evaluation - Final Exam (15%) [SP]

Within the 70% term mark and the 30% culminating mark, the breakdown of the achievement chart categories is as follows:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Knowledge and Understanding	30%
Application	20%
Communication	30%
Thinking	20%

#### **Assessment of Learning Skills & Work Habits:**

The following learning skills and work habits will be fostered throughout this course and assessed on the report card: responsibility, organization, independent work, collaboration, initiative, self-regulation. These skills will not be included as part of the final mark unless they are identified in the provincial curriculum expectations for the course. However, it is important to remember that the development of these skills is critical to daily academic success and individual growth.

The following chart indicates the skills and look-fors for each student.

Learning Skills and Work Habits		E – Excellent    G – Good    S – Satisfactory    N – Needs Improvement			
<b>Responsibility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fulfills responsibilities and commitments within the learning environment.</li> <li>▪ Completes and submits class work, homework, and assignments according to agreed-upon timelines.</li> <li>▪ Takes responsibility for and manages own behaviour.</li> </ul>			<b>Organization</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Devises and follows a plan and process for completing work and tasks.</li> <li>▪ Establishes priorities and manages time to complete tasks and achieve goals.</li> <li>▪ Identifies, gathers, evaluates, and uses information, technology, and resources to complete tasks.</li> </ul>		
<b>Independent Work</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Independently monitors, assesses, and revises plans to complete tasks and meet goals.</li> <li>▪ Uses class time appropriately to complete tasks.</li> <li>▪ Follows instructions with minimal supervision.</li> </ul>			<b>Collaboration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Accepts various roles and an equitable share of work in a group.</li> <li>▪ Responds positively to the ideas, opinions, values, and traditions of others.</li> <li>▪ Builds healthy peer-to-peer relationships through personal and media-assisted interactions.</li> <li>▪ Works with others to resolve conflicts and build consensus to achieve group goals.</li> <li>▪ Shares information, resources, and expertise, and promotes critical thinking to solve problems and make decisions.</li> </ul>		
<b>Initiative</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Looks for and acts on new ideas and opportunities for learning.</li> <li>▪ Demonstrates the capacity for innovation and a willingness to take risks.</li> <li>▪ Demonstrates curiosity and interest in learning.</li> <li>▪ Approaches new tasks with a positive attitude.</li> <li>▪ Recognizes and advocates appropriately for the rights of self and others.</li> </ul>			<b>Self-Regulation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sets own individual goals and monitors progress towards achieving them.</li> <li>▪ Seeks clarification or assistance when needed.</li> <li>▪ Assesses and reflects critically on own strengths, needs, and interests.</li> <li>▪ Identifies learning opportunities, choices, and strategies to meet personal needs and achieve goals.</li> <li>▪ Perseveres and makes an effort when responding to challenges.</li> </ul>		

The report card will therefore focus on two distinct but related aspects of student achievement; the achievement of curriculum expectations and the development of learning skills. The report card will contain separate sections for the reporting of these two aspects.

**PROGRAM PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS**

**English language learners:** As our school can have multilingual student population, special accommodation will be made to bring a rich diversity of background knowledge and experience to the classroom.

TWS courses can provide a wide range of options to address the needs of ESL/ELD students. Assessment and evaluation exercises will help ESL students in mastering the English language. In addition, since all occupations require employees with a wide range of English skills and abilities, many students will learn how the operation of their own physical world can contribute to their success in their social world. The student whose first language is not English enters Ontario Secondary schools with diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds. All of these students bring a rich array of background knowledge and experience to the classroom, and all teachers must share in the responsibility for their English-language development. Teachers must incorporate appropriate strategies for instructions and assessment to facilitate the success of the English language learners in their classrooms. These strategies include:

- modification of some or all of the course expectations so that they are challenging but attainable for the learner at his or her present level of English proficiency, given the necessary support from the teacher;
- use of a variety of instructional strategies (e.g., extensive use of visual cues,

scaffolding, manipulatives, pictures, diagrams, graphic organizers; attention to clarity of instructions);

- modelling of preferred ways of working in English; previewing of textbooks; pre-teaching of key vocabulary; peer tutoring; strategic use of students' first languages);
- use of a variety of learning resources (e.g., visual material, simplified text, bilingual dictionaries, materials that reflect cultural diversity);
- use of assessment accommodations (e.g., granting of extra time; simplification of language used in problems and instructions; use of oral interviews, learning logs, portfolios, demonstrations, visual representations, and tasks requiring completion of graphic organizers or cloze sentences instead of tasks that depend heavily on proficiency in English).

**Literacy education:** Communication skills are fundamental to the development of literacy. Fostering students' communication skills is an important part of the teacher's role in the curriculum. When students read they need to understand vocabulary and terminology. Students are encouraged to use language with care and precision in order to communicate effectively. Students are encouraged to ask questions to their peers/teachers and to also be proactive with solving their own questions.

**The role of information and communications technology:** Information and communication technologies (ICT) provide a range of tools that can significantly extend and enrich teachers' instructional strategies and support students' learning. Teachers can use ICT tools and resources both for whole-class instruction and to design programs that meet diverse student needs. Technology can help to reduce the time spent on routine tasks, allowing students to devote more of their efforts to thinking and concept development.

Information technology is considered a learning tool that must be accessed by students when the situation is appropriate. As a result, students will develop transferable skills through their experience with word processing, internet research, and presentation software, as would be expected in any environment.

Technology also makes possible simulations of complex systems that can be useful for problem-solving purposes or when field studies on a particular topic are not feasible.

Information and communications technologies can be used in the classroom to connect students to other schools, at home and abroad, and to bring the global community into the local classroom. Although the Internet is a powerful electronic learning tool, there are potential risks attached to its use. All students must be made aware of issues of Internet privacy, safety, and responsible use, as well as of the ways in which this technology is being abused – for example, when it is used to promote hatred.

Teachers, too, will find the various ICT tools useful in their teaching practice, both for whole class instruction and for the design of curriculum units that contain varied approaches to learning to meet diverse student needs.

**Equity and Inclusive Education:** The TWS equity and inclusive education strategy focuses on respecting diversity, promoting inclusive education, and identifying and eliminating discriminatory biases, systemic barriers, and power dynamics that limit the ability of students

to learn, grow, and contribute to society. In an environment based on the principles of inclusive education, all students, parents, caregivers, and other members of the school community - regardless of ancestry, culture, ethnicity, sex, physical or intellectual ability, race, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, or other similar factors - are welcomed, included, treated fairly, and respected. Diversity is valued, and all members of the TWS community feel safe, comfortable, and accepted. Every student is supported and inspired to succeed in a culture of high expectations for learning. In an inclusive education system, all students see themselves reflected in the curriculum, their physical surroundings, and the broader environment, so that they can feel engaged in and empowered by their learning experiences. In addition, TWS differentiates the instruction and assessment strategies to take into account the background and experiences, as well as the interests, aptitudes, and learning needs, of all students.

### **First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework**

The new First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework is a key part of the strategy. The framework includes approaches for schools and school boards that will boost Aboriginal student achievement, help close the gap in achievement between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students, and improving students' literacy and numeracy skills, training teachers in teaching methods that are appropriate for Aboriginal students, and encouraging more parents to get involved in their children's education or school. The framework also sets out strategies to integrate First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultures, histories and perspectives throughout the Ontario curriculum. This will increase knowledge and awareness among all students.

### **CHEATING AND PLAGERISM**

Any incident of plagiarism or cheating will result in a resubmission/rewrite of that particular assignment/test at the end of the course on the student's own time and at his/her own expense to pay for the creation and marking of a new assessment. This incident will be documented in the office. A second incident of plagiarism or cheating in any course will result in a mark of zero for that assignment. For example, if you cheat on a math test and then plagiarize an English essay, you will receive a zero on the essay.

### **MISSED AND LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY**

Teachers will make it Clear to the students and parents/guardians early in the school year that they are responsible not only for their behaviour in the classroom/school but also for providing evidence of their achievement of the overall expectations within the time frame specified by the teacher and in a form approved by the teacher. Students must understand that there will be consequences for not completing assignments for evaluation or for submitting those assignments late. Where in the teacher's professional judgment it is appropriate to do so, a number of strategies will be used to encourage the student to modify his/her behaviour. Some of these may include:

- Asking the student to clarify the reason for not completing the assignment taking into consideration legitimate reasons for missed deadlines.

- Maintaining ongoing communication with students and/or parents about due dates and late assignments, and scheduling conferences with parents if the problem persists.
- Setting up a student contract
- Providing alternative assignments or tests/exams where, in the teacher's professional judgment, it is reasonable and appropriate to do so.
- Deducting marks for late assignments, up to and including the full value of the assignment.

Students and parent/guardians will be informed in a timely fashion via phone call, face to face conference, e-mail and if need be a formal letter about the importance of submitting assignments for evaluation when they are due and about the consequences for students who submit assignments late or fail to submit assignments. **If the above measures have been put into place and the behaviour of the student has not provided sufficient evidence, then 0 will be inserted as the mark for the missed assignment.**

### **Resources**

Growing Success: Assessment Evaluation and Reporting in Ontario Schools, First Edition  
Covering Grades 1-12  
Science McGraw Hill 10

### **Attendance Policy:**

Consistent log-in is crucial to a student's success in Toronto World School's online program. The guidelines of the Ministry of Education require that students receive at least 110 hours of scheduled instruction time for each credit course. Attendance patterns will be monitored to ensure a student is actively logging into their course. Students who have not completed the course within 12 months of enrolment will be automatically removed from the course. Only under extenuating circumstances, with proper documentation and the permission of the Principal, can a student be reinstated.

### **Acceptable Online Use Policy**

Toronto World School uses the ConnectED Integrated Learning Platform and is intended for educational purposes only. The use of this program or any tools within TWS systems, other than for educational purposes, is strictly prohibited. The inappropriate uses include, but are not limited to, criminal, obscene, commercial, cyber-bullying or illegal purposes.

The administration has the right to review all student work in order to determine the appropriateness of computer use. If TWS online programs are deemed to be used inappropriately, the Administration will levy consequences which may include suspensions and/or removal from the program. In some cases, further action may be taken including contacting day schools, legal representation or the police. Students need to be very vigilant in order to prevent them getting into a situation where they may be suspected for inappropriate use.

Therefore, students are reminded to

- Always protect their passwords and not share them with anyone
- Always inform their teachers of suspicious messages or other incidents that they encounter
- Always only access content that is intended for educational use.

### **Hardware/software requirements:**

#### *Hardware:*

- PC running Windows 8 or higher
- Mac running Apple OS X or higher
- Chromebook running Chrome OS

*High speed internet is recommended with access to a computer with the following:*

- A processor of 2GHz or faster
- 4 GB RAM or greater
- A high speed internet connection of 1.5 MB/s or faster
- Keyboard and mouse
- Headphone/Speakers/Microphone/Camera

#### *Recommended Software:*

- Adobe Reader, Shockwave, Flash Player, Java, Office suite

#### *Browser:*

- Mozilla Firefox4 or higher, Internet Explorer 7 or higher, Safari 5 or higher, Google Chrome 11 or higher

