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**BIG IDEAS**

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| Human actions affect the **quality of water** and its ability to sustain life. |  | Human activities cause **changes in the** **global climate system**. |  | **Sustainable land use** is essential to meet the needs of a growing population. |  | **Living sustainably** supports the well-being of self, community, and Earth. |

**Learning Standards**

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| **Curricular Competencies** | **Content** |
| *Students are expected to be able to do the following:*Questioning and predicting* Demonstrate a sustained intellectual curiosity about a scientific topic or problem of personal, local, or global interest
* Make observations aimed at identifying their own questions, including increasingly abstract ones, about the natural world
* Formulate multiple hypotheses and predict multiple outcomes

Planning and conducting* Collaboratively and individually plan, select, and use appropriate investigation methods, including field work and lab experiments, to collect reliable data (qualitative and quantitative)
* Assess risks and address ethical, cultural, and/or environmental issues associated with their proposed methods
* Use appropriate SI units and appropriate equipment, including digital technologies, to systematically and accurately collect and record data
* Apply the concepts of accuracy and precision to experimental procedures and data:
	+ significant figures
	+ uncertainty
	+ scientific notation

Processing and analyzing data and information * Experience and interpret the local environment
 | *Students are expected to know the following:** **water quality parameters** and **bioindicators**
* **availability** and **water use impacts**
* global water security:
	+ laws and regulation
	+ **conservation of water**
* **changes to climate systems**
* **impacts of global warming**
* **mitigation** and **adaptations**
* **soil characteristics** and **ecosystem services**
* **land use and degradation**
* **land management**
* personal choices and **sustainable living**
* global **environmental** **ethics, policy, and law**
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**Learning Standards (continued)**

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| **Curricular Competencies** | **Content** |
| * Apply First Peoples perspectives and knowledge, other ways of knowing, and local knowledge as sources of information
* Seek and analyze patterns, trends, and connections in data, including describing relationships between variables, performing calculations, and identifying inconsistencies
* Construct, analyze, and interpret graphs, models, and diagrams
* Use knowledge of scientific concepts to draw conclusions that are consistent with evidence
* Analyze cause-and-effect relationships

Evaluating * Evaluate their methods and experimental conditions, including identifying sources of error or uncertainty, confounding variables, and possible alternative explanations and conclusions
* Describe specific ways to improve their investigation methods and the quality of their data
* Evaluate the validity and limitations of a model or analogy in relation to the phenomenon modelled
* Demonstrate an awareness of assumptions, question information given, and identify bias in their own work and in primary and secondary sources
* Consider the changes in knowledge over time as tools and technologies have developed
* Connect scientific explorations to careers in science
* Exercise a healthy, informed skepticism and use scientific knowledge and findings to form their own investigations to evaluate claims in primary and secondary sources
* Consider social, ethical, and environmental implications of the findings from their own and others’ investigations
* Critically analyze the validity of information in primary and secondary sources and evaluate the approaches used to solve problems
* Assess risks in the context of personal safety and social responsibility
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**Learning Standards (continued)**

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| **Curricular Competencies** | **Content** |
| Applying and innovating * Contribute to care for self, others, community, and world through individual or collaborative approaches
* Co-operatively design projects with local and/or global connections and applications
* Contribute to finding solutions to problems at a local and/or global level through inquiry
* Implement multiple strategies to solve problems in real-life, applied, and conceptual situations
* Consider the role of scientists in innovation

Communicating * Formulate physical or mental theoretical models to describe a phenomenon
* Communicate scientific ideas and information, and perhaps a suggested course of action, for a specific purpose and audience, constructing evidence-based arguments and using appropriate scientific language, conventions, and representations
* Express and reflect on a variety of experiences, perspectives, and worldviews through **place**
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