Important Notes:

- Alabama Course of Study objectives are given by number
- This curriculum map’s standards are aligned to the Alabama Course of Study.
- Resources and Instructional Strategies are suggestions for the topic studied; teachers are not required to use all resources listed and can supplement their teaching with additional resources that support the Course of Study Standards.
- The number of days listed are approximate and are padded to allow a little extra time for review and tests
- The problems listed for each section are suggested types of problems. Teachers can still assign even, odd, or selected problems from each type of problem.
- To access ELL or Discovery Ed lessons, you must be logged in using your school email and password.

Online Resources:

- Khan Academy – Example videos and practice activities that may be of additional help to students: [https://www.khanacademy.org/](https://www.khanacademy.org/
- Shmoop – Teachers and students can use Shmoop to view videos and practice on various math topics searchable by Common Core State Standard: [https://www.shmoop.com/](https://www.shmoop.com/)
- Open Curriculum - activities from all over the internet sorted by standard: [www.opencurriculum.org](http://www.opencurriculum.org)
- Discovery Education Techbook (link on Clever)
- Phet Colorado Simulations (www.phet.colorado.edu)
- AMSTI Online (www.amsti.org)
- Ellevation (link on Clever)
- Middle School Chemistry (www.middleschoolchemistry.com)
- PBS Learning ([https://aptv.pbslearningmedia.org](https://aptv.pbslearningmedia.org))
**Instructional Strategies:**

**ELLevation:** **Note:** Be sure to check the “Science Collection” for specific topic resources

**Build Background:**
* Brainstorm Walk
* I Notice, I Wonder

**Clarify Input:**
* “5 and 2”
* Anchor Charts
* Essential Questions
* Guided Notes
* “Teach! Teach!”
* TPR

**Fortify Output:**
* Find Your Match
* Clock Buddies
* Think, Write, Pair Share
* Which Corner?

**Foster Interactions:**
* “Don’t Mention it”
* Find the Fib

**Develop Academic Language:**
* 360 Words
* Word Walls

**Assess Language and Learning:**
* Wordless Books
* Whiteboard Checkpoints
* Differentiated Question Prompts
ARI/Instructional Strategies (Alabama Reading Initiative)

ARI represents the Alabama Reading Initiative. Below are ARI/Instructional strategies that can be easily adapted to work well with mathematics. Some of the strategies can be interchangeable between before, during, and after in lesson planning. There are many instructional strategies that can be used in the classroom and you are not limited to these alone. If you have other ARI/Instructional strategies that work well for you and your students, use them to assist with academic growth and development. Have fun experimenting with different strategies to reach all students and address the different learning styles.

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**Procedure**:  
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2. Each student has two minutes to read the question or statement, reflect, and write a response.  
3. Each student has three minutes to share his/her response with a partner, reflect, and write a response to his/her partner’s statement.  
4. Pairs combine to form small groups of 4-6 students. Responses are shared within the group and one response is chosen to share with the whole class. |
| **Bell Ringer/Bell Work/Warm Up** | **Purpose**: Bell ringers are questions or tasks posted before students enter the classroom. They are to be completed before class starts, or, as the name suggests, as the bell rings. Bell ringers provide benefits to both the student and the teacher in all classroom settings ranging from elementary to high school. Bell ringers help to encourage promptness, organization, responsibility, spark prior knowledge, reinforce concepts, promote student engagement and so much more. |
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| **Jot Notes** | **Jot Notes are basically lesson notes the students jot down before, during and after the lesson (in some cases)  
...The notes can be given in a variety of formats or structures...Example: chart format, graphic organizer, table format, guided notes, foldables, etc.** |
| **Quadrant Cards / Frayer Model** | **Purposes:** 1) motivate students to engage in vocabulary study and expand vocabulary 2) Reinforce concepts etc.....  
**Procedure:**  
Divide a sheet of paper into four parts  
Adapt to meet your students’ needs.... whether you want to emphasize on vocabulary, connecting concepts, or organizing steps or procedures for graphing or solving etc.... |
| **Venn Diagram** | **Purpose:** compare concepts  
**Procedure:**  
1. Draw two circles overlapping. Each circle represents a concept.  
2. Unique characteristics of the two ideas being compared are recorded in the outer of the two overlapping circles. Common characteristics are recorded where the circles overlap.  
3. Teacher should model the strategy first. |
| **Charts/Foldables** | **Purpose:** 1) engage with concept/lesson/text 2) construct graphic organizer/chart/foldable 3) self-monitor comprehension  
**Procedure:**  
1. Create a Jot Chart, project on the whiteboard or produce a print copy for each student. The chart/matrix should be structured as follows. You can also use foldables to accomplish these tasks.  
   - Main ideas/items for description or analysis are listed across the top of the chart.  
   - Question/characteristics of the main concepts are listed down the left side of the chart.  
2. Discuss the purpose of the chart with students before the assignment. Give an example of a completed chart to help clarify its functions.  
3. Have students complete the chart or foldable as you go through the lesson or assign tasks to groups etc...As the teacher, you decide and adapt this to meet the needs of your students and what you want to accomplish from the task.  
4. Discuss the students' findings and compile the results into a group chart. Stress the relationships between the data in the chart. |
| **Partner Learning** | **Purpose:** 1) To engage students in the content and spark meaningful discussions 2) To encourage collaboration and improve knowledge among students 3) Promote socialization and boost self-esteem 4) Reinforce concepts taught through open questioning and answer sessions  
**Procedure:** The students are paired up and given a task to complete together; open discussions, sharing of ideas, writing, final product presentation, etc.... |
| **Concept Map** | **Purpose:** activate and organize knowledge about a specific topic  
**Procedure:**  
1. Select the main idea or topic of discussion; write it on a chart, overhead, or whiteboard; and put a circle around it.  
2. Have students brainstorm subtopics; knowledge related to the topic. Use lines to connect to the main topic.  
3. Have students brainstorm specific vocabulary, ideas, mathematical knowledge related to each subtopic. Record these ideas beneath each subtopic. Add new knowledge to the concept map as learning progresses. |
| **Graphic Organizer** | **Purpose:** 1) provide a visual model of the structure of lesson and 2) provide a format for organizing information and concepts  
**Procedure:**  
1. Introduce the graphic organizer to the students. Demonstrate how it works by noting key concepts and ideas on the organizer.  
2. Have groups of students practice using the graphic organizer with ideas from independently read mathematical text and/or mathematical information presented during lessons. Students can share their ideas with the class.  
3. Choose an organizer that matches what you want to accomplish with your students for the topic or lesson. |
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| **Jigsaw**  | 1) engage with mathematical concept or text 2) self-monitor comprehension 3) integrate new information with prior knowledge 4) respond to mathematical concept or text through discussion | 1. Divide class into 4-6 member groups; each member becomes an expert on a different topic/concept assigned by teacher.  
2. Members of the teams with the same topic meet in an expert group with a variety of resource materials and texts available to explore their topic.  
3. The students prepare how they will teach the information to others.  
4. Everyone returns to their jigsaw (home) teams to teach what they learned to the other members. It may be helpful to supply each student with a graphic organizer for note taking purposes.  
5. Team members listen and take notes as their classmate teaches them |
| **Cooperative Learning/ Partner Learning/Practice** | Cooperative learning is the process of breaking a classroom of students into small groups so they can discover a new concept together and help each other learn. Each group is given a task or assignment to complete. Often a record keeper and team leader are assigned to keep everyone on task. Collaboration and discussion are expected with a final assignment or project completed and submitted. Open discussions between the teacher and/or students can occur during class as well. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| **Stations/ Carousels etc....** | Purposes: This strategy can fit almost any purpose developed. | **Procedure:**  
1. Teacher determines what topics/lessons will be placed on chart paper.  
2. Chart paper is placed on walls around the room.  
3. Teacher places students into groups of three- four.  
4. Students begin at a designated chart.  
5. They read the question or phrase, discuss with group, and respond directly on the chart or assigned task sheet.  
6. After an allotted amount of time, students rotate to next chart.  
7. Students read next question and records new response or discussion points.  
8. Continue until each group has responded to each prompt.  
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There are three categories of exit slips (Fisher & Frey, 2004):  
- Prompts that document learning,  
  o Ex. Write one thing you learned today.  
  o Ex. Discuss how today's lesson could be used in the real world.  
- Prompts that emphasize the process of learning,  
  o Ex. I didn't understand...  
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The Textbook for this course is:
Discovery Ed Online Textbook
### Huntsville City Schools

#### 2020 - 2021 Pacing Guide

**6th Grade Science**

**First Semester**

1\textsuperscript{st} 9 – weeks (August 17 – October 23)

44 instructional days; 22 A-Days and 22 B-Days

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\textit{Scientific Method, Graphing, etc.}  
- Explain how scientists use the scientific methods  
- Describe the types of models used and which is best for certain topics  
- Identify vocabulary terms related to the scientific method  
- Describe how scientific investigations often lead to new investigations  
- Steps used in the scientific method  
- Read diagrams, maps, tables, graphs related to ways geologists learn about the Earth’s interior  
- Explore the greenhouse effect  
| ALCOS 14  
Analyze and interpret data (e.g., tables, graphs, maps of global and regional temperatures; atmospheric levels of gases such as carbon dioxide and methane; rates of human activities) to describe how various human activities (e.g., use of fossil fuels, creation of urban heat islands, agricultural practices) and natural processes (e.g., solar radiation, greenhouse effect, volcanic activity) may cause changes in local and global temperatures over time.  
| Textbook  
Scientific method Quizlet  
https://www.usatestprep.com/al/alabama-elementary-school-online-review/  
https://www.flocabulary.com/unit/scientific-method/  
| Remediation:  
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- Chunk skills into small tasks that can be done over time  
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Remediation:
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### Plate Tectonics

- Discover ways geologists learn about Earth’s interior.
- Features of Earth’s interior: crust, mantle, and core.
- How rocks are classified.
- Types of rocks.
- Identify plate motion by names.
- Identify how gravity, runoff and the material it contains flow causing plate movement.
- Identify the types of terrain or landscape that is found along mid-ocean ridges.
- Identify what is the causes of magnetic field.
- Identify the magnetic poles.
- Where are the strongest fields of the magnetic field.

#### ALCOS 6
Provide evidence from data of the distribution of fossils and rocks, continental shapes, and seafloor structures to explain past plate motions.

#### ALCOS 9
Use models to explain how the flow of Earth’s internal energy drives a cycling of matter between Earth’s surface and deep interior causing plate movements (e.g., mid-ocean ridges, ocean trenches, volcanoes, earthquakes, mountains, rift valleys, volcanic islands).

#### ALCOS 11
Develop and use models of Earth’s interior composition to illustrate the resulting magnetic field (e.g., magnetic poles) and to explain its measurable effects (e.g., protection from cosmic radiation).

### AMSTI
- Discovery Unit 2
- Pearson Ch. 1,3,4,5
- [https://d28rz9bat9flks.cloudfront.net/90021/Tectonic_Plates_Jigsaw_Puzzle_instructions.pdf](https://d28rz9bat9flks.cloudfront.net/90021/Tectonic_Plates_Jigsaw_Puzzle_instructions.pdf)
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- [https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/legacy/plate-tectonics](https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/legacy/plate-tectonics)
| EROSION: | EROSION:  
https://aptv.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/ess05.sci.ess.earthsys.erosion/erosion-and-weathering/ |
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https://aptv.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/fe7ae96f-b758-49bc-8da6-7b912892e484/fe7ae96f-b758-49bc-8da6-7b912892e484/ |
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2nd 9 – weeks (October 26 – December 22)
38 instructional days; 19 A-Days and 19 B-Days

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Use models to construct explanations of the various biogeochemical cycles of Earth (e.g., water, carbon, nitrogen) and the flow of energy that drives these processes.

**ALCOS 12**
Integrate qualitative scientific and technical information (e.g., weather maps; diagrams; other visualizations, including radar and computer simulations) to support the claim that motions and complex interactions of air masses result in changes in weather conditions.

- a. Use various instruments (e.g., thermometers, barometers, anemometers, wet bulbs) to monitor local weather and examine weather patterns to predict various weather events, especially the impact of severe weather (e.g., fronts, hurricanes, tornados, blizzards, ice storms, droughts).

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- Present the task as a process
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- Provide feedback for each step
  - Honors: Develop a PowerPoint presentation that include information related to:
    - How various weather instruments are used to monitor weather, examine weather patterns used to predict weather events
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**ALCOS 15**
Analyze evidence (e.g., databases on human populations, rates of consumption of food and other natural resources) to explain how changes in human population, per capita consumption of natural resources, and other human activities (e.g., land use, resource development, water and air pollution, urbanization) affect Earth’s systems.

**ALCOS 16**
Implement scientific principles to design processes for monitoring and minimizing human impact on the environment (e.g., water usage, including withdrawal of water from streams and aquifers or construction of dams and levees; land usage, including urban development, agriculture, or removal of wetlands; pollution of air, water, and land).

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Discovery Unit 3
Pearson Ch. 12, 13
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Oceans effect on weather and climate

Ecosystems

Green House:
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# Second Semester

3rd 9 – weeks (January 4 – March 12)

48 instructional days; 24 A-Days and 24 B-Days

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https://naturalhistory.si.edu/education/teaching-resources/earth-science/modeling-and-measuring-volcanic-eruptions

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Honors: Develop a PowerPoint presentation that includes information related to: Earth’s formation, structure, atmosphere, oceans and continents formed
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**ALCOS 1**
Create and manipulate models (e.g., physical, graphical, conceptual) to explain the occurrences of day/night cycles, length of year, seasons, tides, eclipses, and lunar phases based on patterns of the observed motions of celestial bodies.

**ALCOS 13**
Use models (e.g., diagrams, maps, globes, digital representations) to explain how the rotation of Earth and unequal heating of its surface create patterns of atmospheric and oceanic circulation that determine regional climates.

A. Use experiments to investigate how energy from the sun is distributed between Earth’s surface and its atmosphere by convection and radiation (e.g., warmer water in a pan rising as cooler water sinks, warming one’s hands by a campfire).

**AMSTI**
Discovery Unit 6
Pearson Ch. 14

- [https://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/topnav/materials/A-Z_Pubs.html#P](https://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/topnav/materials/A-Z_Pubs.html#P)
- [https://www.nasa.gov/stem/foreducators](https://www.nasa.gov/stem/foreducators)

- [https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/gravity-force-lab](https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/gravity-force-lab)
- [https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/legacy/my-solar-system](https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/legacy/my-solar-system)

Sun and Moon

Coral Reefs

Lunar Landing:
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| • <strong>Sun</strong>: The structure of the sun, features that can be seen on the sun |</p>
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**ALCOS 2**
Construct models and use simulations (e.g., diagrams of the relationship between Earth and manmade satellites, rocket launch, International Space Station, elliptical orbits, black holes, life cycles of stars, orbital periods of objects within the solar system, astronomical units and light years) to explain the role of gravity in affecting the motions of celestial bodies (e.g., planets, moons, comets, asteroids, meteors) within galaxies and the solar system.

**ALCOS 3**
Develop and use models to determine scale properties of objects in the solar system (e.g., scale model representing sizes and distances of the sun, Earth, moon system based on a one-meter diameter sun).

**Discovery Unit 7**
Pearson Ch. 15, 16
Amsti
[https://www.softschools.com/facts/space/moon_phases_facts/423/](https://www.softschools.com/facts/space/moon_phases_facts/423/)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4ZHdzl6ZWg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4ZHdzl6ZWg)


Solar System:
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Mission: Solar System is a transmedia project between NASA and WGBH’s Design Squad Nation, celebrating NASA’s Year of the Solar System.

**Tour the Solar System:**

**Sun Lab Interactive:**

**Solar System**
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### 4th 9 – weeks (March 15 – May 28)
46 instructional days; 23 A-Days and 23 B-Days
+4 Exam Days

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**Rock Cycle Lab:**
https://app.discoveryeducation.com/learn/player/36dec5f7-a61b-42f3-a49b-ed18afad5e58

**Rockin Rock Cycle:**
https://app.discoveryeducation.com/learn/player/1e66610f-98dd-43a0-a189-569b94771651

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- **Rock Cycle & Weathering:** processes that shape Earth’s features—how each type of rock change into another type.