



## **VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS** **CHARTING THE COURSE**

### ***Department of Teaching & Learning*** ***Parent/Student Course Information***

#### ***Life Science*** ***(SC 4116)*** ***One year*** ***Grade 7***

*Counselors are available to assist parents and students with course selections and career planning. Parents may arrange to meet with the counselor by calling the school's guidance department.*

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Life Science is a laboratory and activity-centered program that provides students with a broad foundation in the biological sciences. Topics range from cells, plants and animals to heredity and career opportunities. Laboratory investigations and activities are the primary means for developing problem-solving skills and for understanding scientific concepts and principles. Students will develop inquiry and problem-solving skills through scientific investigation. Research and decision-making skills are further developed through the investigation of local or national issues and concerns that result from the interaction of science, technology and society.

#### **COURSE GOALS**

- Develop a foundation of concepts and principles in the life sciences
- Develop problem-solving and decision-making skills through experimentation, research and discussion
- Develop an awareness of the interdisciplinary nature of science and its relevance to society
- Develop basic communication skills
- Explore the application of scientific principles in careers and in other areas of interest

#### **PREREQUISITE**

Sixth grade science

#### **OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE**

Physical Science 8

#### **REQUIRED TEXTBOOK**

VBCPS Core Life Science 7 FlexBook

#### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of all core objectives through laboratory investigations, issue investigations, projects and oral and/or written tests, quizzes and reports
- Participate in the laboratory experiences, adhering to all safety procedures
- Prepare written reports for laboratory activities
- Investigate career opportunities and areas of interest in the life sciences

*Virginia Standards of Learning*

Please follow the link below to view the standards for Life Science on the Virginia Department of Education website.

[Life Science 7](#)

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