

Elementary Science Curriculum Selection Guide

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Curriculum Components Recommended	Text, Curriculum Guide, Tests, Quizzes, Keys	Text	Text, Helps & Hints	Text, Activity, Teacher Edition/CD, Tests, Key	Workbooks, Answer Key	Workbooks, Teacher Guide	Online Content	Text, Lab Workbook, Teacher Manual	Text	DVD Content
Curriculum Cost (per Grade)	\$35-\$85	\$39	\$39	\$85-\$145	\$52	\$70	\$90	\$95	\$68	\$100
Hands-on Activities Cost (per Grade)	\$40-\$65	\$20-\$45	\$40-\$70	\$30-\$70	\$25-\$55	\$20-\$75	\$35-\$70	\$40	\$55-\$90	\$35-\$70

Learning Environment

Homeschool Suitability	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
Classroom Suitability	★★★★★	★★	★★	★★★★★	★★	★★★★★	★★	★★★★	★★	★★
New Science Teacher Suitability	★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
Learning Evaluation Tools	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★	★★	★★★★	★★	★★	★★★★
Includes Student Tests	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Worldview	Creationist	Creationist	Creationist	Creationist	Creationist	Creationist	Creationist	Neutral	Neutral	Creationist

Student Appeal

Student Readability	★★★★★	★★	★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
Engaging Visual Content	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★	★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★	★★★★
Independent Study Suitability	★★	★★	★★	★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★	★★	★★★★★
Suitability for Students Not Interested in Science	★★	★★★★★	★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
Reading Level	Grade Appropriate	4th Grade	5th Grade	Grade Appropriate	Grade Appropriate	Grade Appropriate	Grade Appropriate	3rd Grade	3rd Grade	Grade Appropriate

Science Content Quality

Scope and Sequence	★★★★★	★★★★	★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★	★★	★★	★★
Depth of Science Content	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★	★★	★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★
Age-appropriate Science Content	★★★★	★★★★	★★	★★★★★	★★	★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★

Hands-on Science Learning

Comprehensive Hands-on Learning	★★	★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★	★★	★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★
Activities Develop Science Skills	★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★	★	★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★
Activities Develop Critical Thinking	★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★	★	★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★
Ease of Completing Experiments	★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★	★★	★★	★★	★★★★★	★★
Activity/Lesson Prep, Minutes	10-20	10-20	10-20	20-30	10-20	10-20	10-15	10-15	10-20	10-15

Star Rating: 5-Very Good, 4-Good, 3-Fair, 2-Poor, 1-Very Poor