

Middle/High School Science Curriculum Selection Guide

Criteria	A Beka	Apologia	Berean Builders	Bob Jones	Christian Light	Lifepac	Monarch	Real Science 4 Kids	REAL Science Odyssey	Switched-on Schoolhouse
Curriculum Components Recommended	Text, Teacher Edition, Activity, Teacher Activity, Tests, Key	Text, Solutions & Tests	Text, Tests & Answer Key	Text, Teacher Edition, Lab Manual, Teacher Lab Manual, Test, Key	Workbooks, Answer Key	Workbooks, Teacher Guide	Online Content	Text, Lab Workbook, Teacher Manual	Text, Teacher Manual	DVD Content
Curriculum Cost (per Grade)	\$105-\$170	\$85	\$65	\$210	\$52	\$70	\$90	\$95-\$153	\$174	\$100
Hands-on Activities Cost (per Grade)	\$80-\$390	\$35-\$95	\$80	\$130-\$370	\$75-\$240	\$65-\$275	\$50-\$170	\$30-65	\$65	\$50-\$170

Learning Environment

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

Student Appeal

Student Readability	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★
Engaging Visual Content	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★★★	★★	★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	★★★★
Independent Study Suitability	★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	★★★★	★★★★★
Suitability for Students Not Interested in Science	★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★★
Reading Level	Grade Appropriate	Grade Appropriate	Grade Appropriate	Grade Appropriate	Grade Appropriate	Grade Appropriate	Grade Appropriate	6th Grade	Grade Appropriate	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	30-60	20	20	30-60	15-30	15-30	10-20	10-15	10-20	10-20

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