Convection: A Current Event
Grades 6-9

Benchmarks for the Sunshine State Standards
Correlation for Grades 6-8 Only

**SCIENCE**

**Strand A: The Nature of Matter**

**Standard 1:** The student understands that all matter has observable, measurable properties.

**Benchmarks**

SC.A.1.3.1 The student identifies various ways in which substances differ (e.g., mass, volume, shape, density, texture, and reaction to temperature and light).

SC.A.1.3.3 The student knows that temperature measures the average energy of motion of the particles that make up the substance.

SC.A.1.3.4 The student knows that atoms in solids are close together and do not move around easily; in liquids, atoms tend to move farther apart; in gas, atoms are quite far apart and move around freely.

SC.A.1.3.6 The student knows that equal volumes of different substances may have different masses.

**Standard 2:** The student understands the basic principles of atomic theory.

**Benchmark**

SC.A.2.3.3 The student knows that radiation, light, and heat are forms of energy used to cook food, treat diseases, and provide energy.

**Strand B: Energy**

**Standard 1:** The student recognizes that energy may be changed in form with varying efficiency.

**Benchmark**

SC.B.1.3.5 The student knows the processes by which thermal energy tends to flow from a system of higher temperature to a system of lower temperature.
Strand H: The Nature of Science

Standard 1: The student uses the scientific processes and habits of mind to solve problems.

Benchmarks
SC.H.1.3.4 The student knows that accurate record keeping, openness, and replication are essential to
maintaining an investigator’s credibility with other scientists and society.
SC.H.1.3.5 The student knows that a change in one or more variables may alter the outcome of an
investigation.

Standard 2: The student understands that most natural events occur in comprehensible,
consistent patterns.

Benchmark
SC.H.2.3.1 The student recognizes that patterns exist within and across systems.

Standard 3: The student understands that science, technology, and society are interwoven
and independent.

Benchmark
SC.H.3.3.1 The student knows that science ethics demand that scientists must not knowingly subject
coworkers, students, the neighborhood, or the community to health or property risks.
**MATH**

**Strand B: Measurement**

**Standard 2:** The student compares, contrasts, and converts within systems of measurement.

**Benchmark**  
MA.B.2.3.1 The student uses direct (measured) and indirect (nonmeasured) measures to compare a given characteristic in either metric or customary units.

**Strand D: Algebraic Thinking**

**Standard 1:** The student describes, analyzes, and generalizes a wide variety of patterns, relations, and functions.

**Benchmarks**  
MA.D.1.3.1 The student describes a wide variety of patterns, relationships, and functions through models, such as manipulatives, tables, graphs, expressions, equations, and inequalities.  
MA.D.1.3.2 The student creates and interprets tables, graphs, equations, and verbal descriptions to explain cause-and-effect relationships.

**Strand E: Data Analysis and Probability**

**Standard 3:** The student uses statistical methods to make inferences and valid arguments about real-world situations.

**Benchmark**  
MA.E.3.3.1 The student formulates hypotheses, designs experiments, collects and interprets data, and evaluates hypotheses by making inferences and drawing conclusions based on statistics (range, mean, median, mode) and tables, graphs, and charts.


**LANGUAGE ARTS**

**Strand A: Reading**

**Standard 1:** The student uses the reading process effectively.

**Benchmark**

LA.A.1.3.3 The student demonstrates consistent and effective use of interpersonal and academic vocabularies in reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

**Standard 2:** The student constructs meaning from a wide range of texts.

**Benchmark**

LA.A.2.3.5 The student locates, organizes, and interprets written information for a variety of purposes, including classroom research, collaborative decision making, and performing a school or real-world task.

**Strand B: Writing**

**Standard 2:** The student writes to communicate ideas and information effectively.

**Benchmark**

LA.B.2.3.1 The student writes text, notes, outlines, comments and observations that demonstrate comprehension of content and experiences from a variety of media.

**Strand C: Listening, Viewing, and Speaking**

**Standard 1:** The student uses listening strategies effectively.

**Benchmarks**

LA.C.1.3.1 The student listens and uses information gained for a variety of purposes, such as gaining information from interviews, following direction, and pursuing personal interest.

LA.C.1.3.4 The student uses responsive listening skills, including paraphrasing, summarizing, and asking questions for elaboration and clarification.

**Standard 3:** The student uses speaking strategies effectively.

**Benchmarks**

LA.C.3.3.2 The student asks questions and makes comments and observations that reflect understanding and application of content, processes, and experiences.

LA.C.3.3.3 The student speaks for various occasions, audiences, and purposes, including conversations, discussions, projects, and informational, persuasive, or technical presentations.