Course: Gr. 8 Biology, Life Science

**Checklist for Curriculum Development: 2013-2014**

Curriculum development is an on-going process. This list provides a description of the elements of instruction and allows for review of each course.

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|  | Details | How complete? / Comments |
| **CPP Matrix*** complete for each course
 | See Matrix review for details | * Matrices for all courses complete by January 2014
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| **Assessments*** common summative assessment for each unit
* assessments aligned with standards

unit objectivesState, local external exams* common scoring guide created for each common assessment
 | \*Common means identical\*How does the assessment measure student performance against unit objectives and standards? How does it prepare students for end-of-year assessment?\*Scoring guide should include details—acceptable answers, partial credit, severity of wrong answers and errors, etc. | Common assessments established / plan for common scoring of 1 assessment each semester (MYP tasks as appropriate) |
| **Formative assessment*** minimum of 1 common formative activity/assessment for each unit
* each formative assessment aligns with the summative assessment for the unit
 | \*Formative assessment provides students with feedback so they may improve performance\*Formative assessment is ungraded \*How does the formative prepare students for the summative assessment? | Look at incorporating Teaching Protocols into lessons. Find a good list at: [http://cppcurriculum.weebly.com](http://cppedtech.weebly.com/) |
| **Resources*** create a “bank” of resources for each unit
* activities must be aligned with the required assessments (exams, MYP tasks, etc.).
 | \*Determine how to “share”—discuss whether they need to be done simultaneously, where they are located, “rules” for modifying, sharing of materials | * Continue to add to shared folder on K drive—clear out documents/folders no longer applicable
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| **Grading*** Are MP grades for the course comprised of the same elements no matter who the teacher is?
* How well do MP grades reflect student achievement on external exams?
 | \*Discuss and determine the most important elements that should be included in the student's MP average?\*How well does the student’s MP average predict end-of-year outcomes on external exams?\*How can MP average as predictor/indicator of achievement be improved? | Establish common grading policy and communicate to all teachers |
| **Unit Plans** |  | * Snazzy electronic version is on its way! Unit Plan creation/revision will continue when new planner is available
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| Revision of matrices/common assessments/resources/units | This is an on-going process.Revision should occur as the need becomes apparent. |  |