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| **Checklist for Review of Secondary Curriculum Matrices** |
| **Course: HS Biology, Biology Honors** | **Reviewer: Honness****Review Date: 8/2/2013** |
| **MATRICES: How does the current matrix reflect the criteria below?** |
|  | **Not Present** | **Good Start** | **Well on the Way** | **Exemplar** | **Evidence** |
| **Learning Focus** |
| Does the matrix show a clear learning focus for the course? | NP | GS | WW | E | There is a clear focus established by the Essential Question and the list of topics |
| Is it clear what concepts are to be taught and assessed during the course? | NP | GS | WW | E | MYP objectives are included |
| Is it clear which of the Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS) are to be taught and assessed during the course? | NP | GS | WW | E | CCSS are included where appropriate |
| Are all CCLS that need to be taught and assessed during the course included on the matrix? | NP | GS | WW | E | NA |
| Does the matrix show necessary additional standards (NYS or other) that are to be taught and assessed? | NP | GS | WW | E | NYS standards are included. NextGen will need to be added once adopted |
| Is it clear that content/skills are to be taught in service of the larger concepts/standards identified? | NP | GS | WW | E | There’s a flow established from topics to standards/objectives to assessment which reinforces the relevance of the course |
| Assessments |
| Are the assessments aligned with the concepts and standards that are the focus of the course? | NP | GS | WW | E | There is a link from each standard to the assessment that measures it.  |
| Are the assessments varied and valid per IB requirements (e.g. open-ended problem-solving activities, investigations, organized debates, hands-on experimentation, analysis and reflection)? | NP | GS | WW | E | They appear to be |
| **Recommendations:** |
| When Next Gen standards are adopted, include them.Review assessments to make sure standards linked to them are actually measured by them |