Surface Water Quality Data Interpretation Curriculum
Correlation to Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Grade 8

§112.20 Science
(b) Knowledge and skills.

(2) Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student uses scientific inquiry methods during laboratory and field investigations. The student is expected to:

(A) plan and implement comparative and descriptive investigations by making observations, asking well-defined questions, and using appropriate equipment and technology;

(B) design and implement comparative and experimental investigations by making observations, asking well-defined questions, formulating testable hypotheses, and using appropriate equipment and technology;

(C) collect and record data using the International System of Units (SI) and qualitative means such as labeled drawings, writing, and graphic organizers;

(D) construct tables and graphs, using repeated trials and means, to organize data and identify patterns; and

(E) analyze data to formulate reasonable explanations, communicate valid conclusions supported by the data, and predict trends.

(3) Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student uses critical thinking, scientific reasoning, and problem solving to make informed decisions and knows the contributions of relevant scientists. The student is expected to:

(A) in all fields of science, analyze, evaluate, and critique scientific explanations by using empirical evidence, logical reasoning, and experimental and observational testing, including examining all sides of scientific evidence of those scientific explanations, so as to encourage critical thinking by the student;

(B) use models to represent aspects of the natural world such as an atom, a molecule, space, or a geologic feature;

(C) identify advantages and limitations of models such as size, scale, properties, and materials; and

(D) relate the impact of research on scientific thought and society, including the history of science and contributions of scientists as related to the content.

(9) Earth and space. The student knows that natural events can impact Earth systems. The student is expected to:

(C) interpret topographic maps and satellite views to identify land and erosional features and predict how these features may be reshaped by weathering.

§111.24. Mathematics
(5) Patterns, relationships, and algebraic thinking. The student uses graphs, tables, and algebraic representations to make predictions and solve problems. The student is expected to:

(A) predict, find, and justify solutions to application problems using appropriate tables, graphs, and algebraic equations; and

(B) find and evaluate an algebraic expression to determine any term in an arithmetic sequence (with a constant rate of change).

(10) Probability and statistics. The student uses statistical representations to analyze data. The student is expected to:

(A) select and use an appropriate representation for presenting and displaying different graphical representations of the same data including line plot, line graph, bar graph, and stem and leaf plot;

(B) identify mean (using concrete objects and pictorial models), median, mode, and range of a set of data;