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- How does the shape or organization of an organ relate to its function?
- How do the body systems work together to allow movement?

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**Standards**
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The structures and functions of organs determine their relationships within body systems of an organism. (Central Concept)
Homeostasis allows the body to perform its normal functions. (Central Concept)

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**Concepts and Skills**

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- Identify the major bones and muscles of the body and describe their functions.
- Classify bones and muscles based on form and/or function.
- Relate the components of a bone to its function (support, movement, protection).
- Describe the processes of bone growth and development.
- Relate the components of a muscle to its function (movement).

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- Students will label a diagram showing the various layers of skin.
- Students will describe the characteristics of each skin layer.
- Students will collect, stain and observe skin cells using a microscope.
- Students will explain how the skin heals from a burn or other injury.
- Students will use directional terms correctly in discussions and writing.
- Students will describe the functions of the skeletal system and its relation to other body systems.
- Students will locate and describe the various bones of the body.
- Students will classify bones based on shape and function.
- Students will identify the major parts of a bone.
- Students will explain how bones grow and heal.
- Students will explain how the skeletal system changes with age.
- Students will differentiate between bone, cartilage, tendons, and ligaments.
- Students will classify joints based on shape and range of motion.
- Students will describe common injuries and illnesses that affect the bones.
- Students will differentiate the three muscle types.
- Students will explain the difference between voluntary and involuntary muscles.
- Students will identify and explain the components of a muscle cell.
- Students will describe the energy needs of muscle cells.
- Students will describe the chemical activities required for muscle movement.
- Students will locate and describe the various muscles of the body.
- Students will describe muscle movements in discussions and writing using correct terminology.
- Students will contrast aerobic and anaerobic exercise.
- Students will describe common injuries and illnesses that affect the muscles.

### Assessments/Products

- Students will demonstrate understanding of facts and concepts through tests and quizzes that ask them to apply their knowledge of the body to real-life situations.
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- Students will demonstrate their ability to perform research and present it using technology through a case study of a patient.

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- How is the structure of a neuron related to its function?
- Describe the steps in neurotransmission
- Explain how drugs disrupt communication among neurons
- Analyze data on how the way a drug is taken into the body influences its effect
- Distinguish between the CNS and PNS
- Describe specific functions in specific areas of the brain
- Examine, interpret and analyze brain images
- How do messages get from the brain to the rest of the body?
- Describe what happens in your nervous system after you touch something hot.
- Describe how different parts of the body communicate through hormones
- Describe the major functions of the endocrine system
- Identify the structures that produce and release hormones
- Explain how hormones cause changes inside the cell
- Explain how hormones levels are regulated in the body
- Identify the two major glands that control the endocrine system
### Assessments/Products

**Quick Labs/Demonstrations/Projects/Practices:**

- Quick Lab: Knee-Jerk Reflex
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- Inquiry Lab: Reaction Times
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- Holt Biology Textbook
- Anatomy and Physiology for Health Professional Textbook
- The Brain: Understanding Neurobiology Through the Study of Addiction. NIH Curriculum Supplemental Series
- Making Sense of It All: Exploring the Nervous System and Senses. Laying the Foundation (NMS Initiative)
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